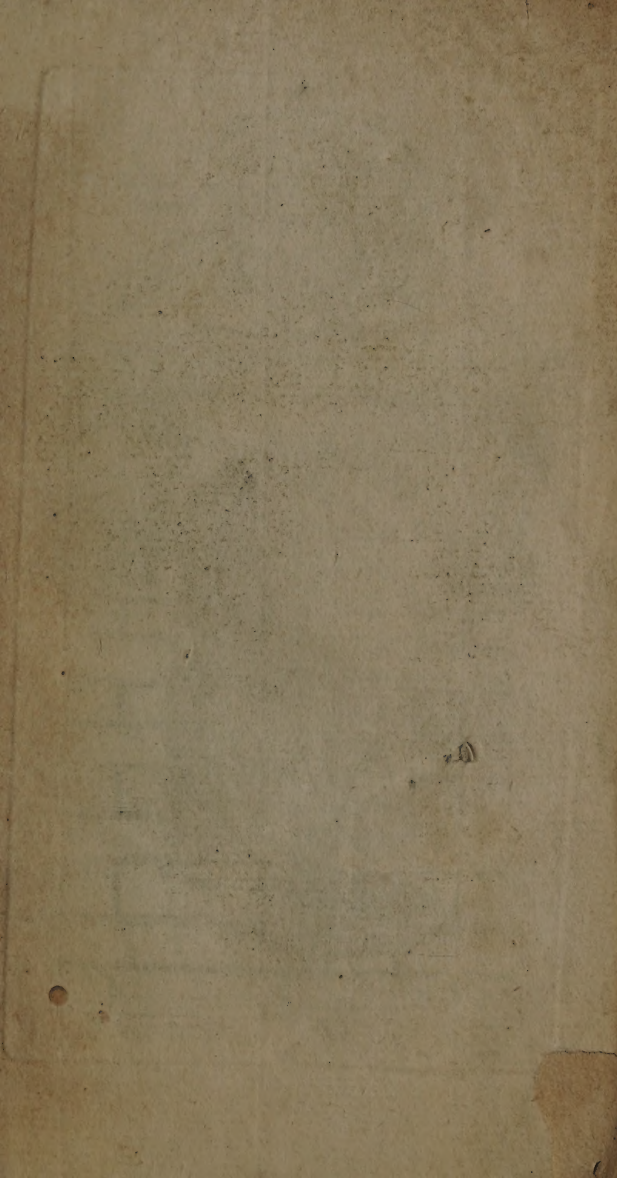




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*Moyles-Court, in the County of  
Southampton, Esq;*

Member of PARLIAMENT for the  
Borough of *Marlborough,*

A N D

L O R D of the Manor of *H O L T,*

T H I S

Collection of C U R E S,

Done by the

*Mineral Waters of H O L T,*

Of which

He is P R O P R I E T O R,

*Is, with the utmost Respect, Inscrib'd,*

*By his most oblig'd,*

*And most obedient Servant,*

H E N R Y E Y R E.

TO  
EDWARD LITTLE  
OF  
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<b>B</b> ONES Carious,	NUMB. I.
Cancers, from	N <sup>o</sup> 46, to 52.
Cholick,	N <sup>o</sup> 104, 105.
Dropsy,	N <sup>o</sup> 107, 110.
Eyes inflamed,	N <sup>o</sup> 71, 72, 74, 75.
	77, to 80,
King's-Evil,	N <sup>o</sup> 2, to 35, and 112.
Fistula in Ano,	N <sup>o</sup> 98.
Gleets Old,	N <sup>o</sup> 97.
Itch,	N <sup>o</sup> 108, 109.
Injuries from Mercury,	N <sup>o</sup> 111.
Leprosy, from	N <sup>o</sup> 37, to 45.
	Piles,

# I N D E X.

<i>Piles, from</i>	N <sup>o</sup> 66, to 70.
<i>Redness in the Face,</i>	N <sup>o</sup> 62, 64, and 73.
<i>Scurvy, from</i>	N <sup>o</sup> 53, to 59.
<i>Settlement of Fevers,</i>	N <sup>o</sup> 101, and 102.
<i>Scal'd Heads,</i>	N <sup>o</sup> 103.
<i>Old Sores,</i>	N <sup>o</sup> 36, 81, to 96.
<i>Surfeits in the Blood,</i>	N <sup>o</sup> 63.
<i>Venereal Relicts,</i>	N <sup>o</sup> 106.
<i>Sharp violent Humours,</i>	N <sup>o</sup> 60, 16, 65, 76.

## LIST of CURES.



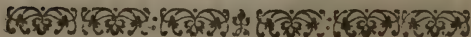
*The Reader is desired to amend the following Errata, before he reads the Book, some of them being material.*

**P**Ag. 13. l. 13. *for can, read can't.* p. 20. in the Reference, *for 16, read 13.* and for N<sup>o</sup> 60, *read 62.* p. 21. in the Reference, *read 46, and 48, for 58.* p. 24. l. 2. *for Doctors, read Doctor.* p. 25. l. 14. *dele ever since.* p. 32. l. 1. *for Spirit of Wine, read Spirit of Urine.* l. 28. *for Arteria, read Asteria.* p. 46. l. 28. *for Curre, read Cure.* p. 66. l. 6. *for Bones, read Pieces of Bone.* p. 72. l. 13. *for clean, read clear.* p. 80. l. 11. *for Avon, read Aaron.* p. 84. l. 7. *for and, read or.* p. 98. l. 16. *read Ozana, for Ozana.*

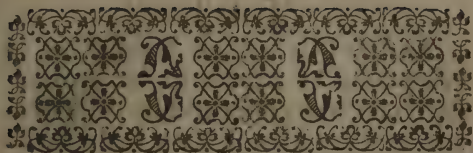


*N. B.* The Fabrick, as represented in the Frontispiece, is designed to be placed before the three Pumps, each Cock to have its Communication only with its respective Pump, in order to prevent the wasting of Water, which is frequently occasioned by the present Method of Pumping.


I thought it proper to acquaint the *Publick* with the Reason of this intended Alteration, lest ill-designing *Persons* should take a second Opportunity of insinuating, That any material Alterations have been made, by mixing the Water, or otherwise: which the *Publick* may depend on will never be allowed of by the *Proprietor*, notwithstanding we apprehend no material Difference between the several Wells.







AN  
ACCOUNT  
OF THE  
HOT WATER.

HE Use of Mineral Waters having obtain'd a great Esteem and Reputation for the Cure of many Chronical and Obstinate Diseases, it is presum'd a short Account of the *Hot Mineral Waters*, and their experienc'd Virtues, will be acceptable to the Publick on several Accounts; particularly, that it may be known in what Cases to expect Relief from them, and in what Quantities, Seasons of the Year, and Manner, they are to be drank; which Particulars have been much enquir'd after.

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And as it is a great Satisfaction to every diseas'd Person to be well assur'd of Cures perform'd by these Waters in like Cases, I have collected as many as my Leisure would permit, which are a very considerable Number for a *Mineral Water* so lately known, tho' small in Proportion to what might have been collected, could I have spared Time to have attended it with a proper Application.

I am no ways qualify'd to write an exact Treatise of the Nature of the Waters: What I shall offer to the Publick, is a bare Narrative of Facts; the former I shall leave to abler Persons, whose Pens I hope will not be wanting, to set in a more instructive Light a Matter of such general Concern. And to encourage some skilful Person, who is capable of such an Undertaking, I will beg Leave to insert a remarkable Passage taken from the *Philosophical Transactions* of the *Royal Society*, N<sup>o</sup> 51. which is very apposite to the present Subject: “Whoever, *say they*, discovers such Healing Waters, and “publickly prescribes the safe and “right

“ right Use of them, does really di-  
 “ stribute larger and nobler Alms,  
 “ than if he built and endow’d a  
 “ *Savoy*: For this prolongs Life, and  
 “ restores Health, which is sometimes  
 “ better than Life, both to Rich and  
 “ Poor, Natives and Strangers, to  
 “ Neighbours and Travellers.”

As to an Enquiry into the parti-  
 cular Ingredients with which this Wa-  
 ter is impregnated, and in what Pro-  
 portions, were my Abilities adequate  
 to the Performance, I should chuse  
 to wave any Attempts of that kind,  
 which only serve to amuse the Cu-  
 rious; being influenc’d by what the  
 Honourable and Learned Mr. *Boyle* is  
 found ingenuously to own; “ That  
 “ notwithstanding the many Ways of  
 “ discovering the Natures or Quali-  
 “ ties of *Mineral Waters*, yet I think  
 “ the surest Way of knowing them,  
 “ is by a long and sufficient Experience  
 “ of their good and bad Effects; for  
 “ I strongly suspect, and, it may be,  
 “ partly know, that there are be-  
 “ neath the Surface of the Earth di-  
 “ vers Mineral Substances, some fix’d  
 “ and some volatile, some in the

“ Form of hard Bodies, some of soft  
 “ ones, some of Liquors, and some  
 “ of Fumes, divers of which the  
 “ Generality, even of learned Men,  
 “ are altogether Strangers to ; be-  
 “ sides those, that tho’ some Men  
 “ may chance to have seen, have  
 “ their Natures so little known, that  
 “ they have not so much as a Name  
 “ assign’d them ; so that when I con-  
 “ sider that of the Ingredients we are  
 “ unacquainted with, (to pass by all  
 “ the rest that the Earth may con-  
 “ ceal) the Proportions wherein they  
 “ are mingled may be numberless,  
 “ and the Qualities resulting from  
 “ these Commixtures may be very  
 “ different from those of the separate  
 “ Ingredients, I am apt to look upon  
 “ the Difficulty of securely deter-  
 “ mining the Effects of *Mineral Wa-*  
 “ *ters, a priori*, as little, if at all,  
 “ less than insuperable to human Un-  
 “ derstanding.”

Struck with the Authority of this  
 Great Man, I shall confine myself  
 only to shew what Effects these Wa-  
 ters have on Human Constitutions, by  
 which imperfect Account it will ap-  
 pear



pear what a Blessing these Waters are to the Publick, by recovering many that have been long afflicted with most obstinate, and almost desperate, Diseases.

The first Discovery of these Waters at *Holt* was merely accidental, in the following Manner : About 40 Years ago one of the Inhabitants of *Holt* sinking a Well near his House, open'd a Spring about 11 Feet deep, which plentifully supplied him with Water ; and soon after expecting a Visit from some of his Relations, he brew'd a Barrel of Ale with the Water of this new Well, to entertain his Friends with ; and for their better Reception, a Joint of Mutton was got ready, and boil'd in the same Water : But when the Meat came to be set on the Table, it appear'd so discolour'd, and of such a sooty Hue, that he was almost asham'd to set it before his Guests : However, they sat down to their Repast, and Hunger being their Sauce, they eat plentifully, and drank freely ; but in a little Time the *Mineral Water* began to exert its Operation, and they all found themselves

sick of the same Disease ; every one complain'd of a Flux for a considerable Time.

This being talk'd of about the Neighbourhood, it soon reach'd the Lady \* *Lisle's* Ears, then living in *Holt*, and Lady of the Manor, who telling the Story to a neighbouring Clergyman, (Mr. *Hickes*) he took an Opportunity to try the Water by some Chymical Experiments ; and recommending it to the Observation of Dr. *Guidot* of *Bath*, the Doctor made Trials upon it, and found it very strongly impregnated with Mineral Salts, but of a mix'd Nature, and reducible to no particular Class.

Notwithstanding this, little Notice was taken of this Water for several Years after its first Discovery : Its Medicinal Virtue was known but to few, and brought little Advantage to the Owner, not sufficient to counter-vail its ill Quality of being unfit to wash or brew with, till about 18 Years ago, viz. A. D. 1713, it came into

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\* Sir *William Lisle's* Widow, and Grandmother to *Edward Lisle* of *Moyles-Court*, Esq;

the Hands of the Widow *Harding*, the present Keeper of the Wells at *Holt*, who having a Child at Nurse with her, then about 5 Years old, that was miserably afflicted with the King's-Evil, made a wonderful Cure upon her, by the sole Use of the Water, and thereby laid the Foundation of its present Reputation. The Child brought the Distemper into the World with her, and was wasted and weaken'd by it to that Degree, that she was confin'd to her Bed, and a Surgeon attended upon her for some Time ; but finding all Means ineffectual, he advis'd the Nurse to give the Child some of the *Mineral Water* : By his Advice she did so, tho' with some Reluctance, the Girl being then so much weaken'd by her Illness, that they concluded it would soon carry her off : In a few Days they perceiv'd a sensible Alteration in the Child, which encourag'd them to go on and increase the Draught, and duly plying her with the Water, she soon quitted the Bed, and was able to walk about with the Help of Crutches ; and by the continu'd Use of this noble Remedy, she was by Degrees

grees at length so strengthen'd, and the Wounds, which were chiefly in the Thigh and Hip, were so perfectly heal'd, that she was able to walk, and work at the Spinning Wheel ; and the Crutches were set up over the Well, as a Memorial of the Cure and excellent Virtue of the Water. The Girl is now living in *Holt*, and maintains herself by the Labour of her own Hands.

N. B. This is the Cure, N<sup>o</sup> 16. in the following List of Cures.

The good Woman who liv'd in the Cottage to which this Well belong'd, was not wanting to herself in publishing this remarkable Cure upon the poor Girl, which drew others in the Neighbourhood, in Cases of the like Nature, to make the same Trial, in Hopes of the same Success. And as every Year produc'd new Cures, and the Fame of the Water increas'd, there was still a greater Resort to it ; Multitudes were heal'd of *Scorbutick* and *Scrophulous* Illnesses in their Eyes, Arms, Hands and Legs, &c. The Water was carried to all Parts, and weekly Accounts came in of Cures done.



done by it: But due Care not being taken to record them, and Persons of Distinction not admitting a Publication to be made of the Cures perform'd on them, many were irrecoverably lost.

The following Collection therefore is not to be look'd upon as a perfect and full Account of all the Cures which this Water has effected.

I have given every particular Case faithfully, as it came to my Hands, and have inserted the Names of such as desired their Cures might be made publick.

I hope the Success and Reputation of these Waters being a Matter of *Private Interest*, will be no Objection to their being a *Publick Benefit*; and as I have taken particular Care not to offend any one, I promise myself they can meet with no Discouragement, but from Persons interested in some of the many *Mineral Waters* which this Kingdom produces.

The *Holt* and *Bath Waters* are in many Cases of great Service to each other, as is well known from the Prescriptions of Physicians, the *Holt Waters*

ters being in some Cases a proper Preparative for drinking the *Bath*, and very often of Service when drank alternately, and likewise after a Course of the *Bath Waters*.

As to the Objection, that the *Holt* does not purge so briskly as some other cold *Mineral Waters* in this Kingdom, it seems to be started by such as have very little Medicinal Skill, since, as I am inform'd, if Evacuations were the main and principal Point to be pursu'd, the *Materia Medica* abounds with Evacuants; but the *Holt Waters* are a true Alterative, and as such must necessarily remain some Time in the Body, in order to produce those surprizing Effects which have already so deservedly raised them to the high Character and Reputation which they bear, not only in this City, but thro' the whole Nation.

And indeed this Objection, so injudiciously urged, is perhaps one of the greatest Things that can be said in Favour of the *Wells at Holt*, which purge so gently as not to weaken the Constitution, and by their great *Astringency* brace and strengthen the Parts,

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at the same Time that they affect the Distemper.

As to the Quantity convenient to be drank daily, it is impossible to lay down a general Rule; every one must adjust this as their Constitutions will bear, and Case requires, Respect being had to the Age, Strength, and other Circumstances of the Patient, and the Nature of the Distemper: I could wish that all such as can afford it would consult the learned Gentlemen of the Faculty, by whose Directions they may reasonably expect a more speedy Cure.

But as many who will have Occasion to drink these Waters may not be in a Capacity to consult Physicians, I think it necessary to mention in what Manner I have observ'd these Waters to be drank with the greatest Success.

The general Quantity is three Wine Pints a Day, which is about the Quantity contain'd in each of the Bottles in which this Water is sold; viz, half a Pint in the Morning, at least an Hour before Breakfast, one third of a Pint an Hour after Breakfast, the

the like Quantity half an Hour after that, and to be repeated the next half Hour, beginning again two or three Hours after Dinner, and taking the like Quantities three times at half an Hour's Distance, and the remaining half Pint the last thing just going to Bed ; the last Glass at Bed-time, is esteem'd to be of great Service : It is also of Benefit when drank at Meals, but then this must be over and above what has been already prescrib'd.

A much larger Quantity than this, will only (as Dr. *Cheyne* in his *Treatise of the Gout* observes) “ distend  
 “ and relax the Stomach and Intestines, force its Way through the  
 “ largest and most open Passages, and  
 “ propagate the Circulation through  
 “ the Branches of the larger Arteries  
 “ and Veins, where the least Foulness  
 “ and fewest Obstructions can happen,  
 “ so that it will scarce reach the finer  
 “ Capillary Vessels, in which chiefly  
 “ the *Morbifick Matter* resides.”

The best Method therefore of drinking them, is by small Quantities frequently repeated, which Dr. *Keil* has like-

likewise asserted and prov'd in his *Medico-Physical Essays*: Says he,  
 “ The most expeditious Way of al-  
 “ tering the whole Mass of Blood by  
 “ *Mineral Waters*, is by small and  
 “ frequent Draughts. ” When these  
 Waters are too cold for the Sto-  
 mach, as in Winter, and in cold  
 Weather, they may be warm'd and  
 drank with equal Success.

In such Cases, when the Stomach  
 can bear the proposed Quantity, it  
 would be adviseable to boil one Half,  
 or two Thirds of the Bottle, thereby  
 reducing it to such a Quantity as may  
 inoffensively be taken.

When the Case is very obstinate, a  
 larger Quantity of the Water may be  
 taken, by reducing three Pints to a  
 Pint and a half by boiling; and  
 drinking it so reduc'd, in the Morn-  
 ing, as before directed, let the Pint  
 and half which is design'd for the  
 Afternoon, be taken without being  
 boil'd.

Dr. Grew, in his *Latin Treatise* of  
 the Nature and Use of the *Bitter Purg-*  
*ing Salt*, approved by the *College of*  
*Physicians*, and the *Royal Society*, and  
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translated into *English* by Dr. J. Bridges,  
 1697, speaking of *Mineral Waters*,  
 whose Virtue consists in a *fix'd Salt*,  
 says, “ Physicians in *London*, for the  
 “ most part, prescribe the Waters  
 “ not to be drank raw, but boil’d;  
 “ for so the Quantity of the Water  
 “ being lessened, and yet the Strength  
 “ increas’d \*, they work off the Sto-  
 “ mach and Bowels more advantage-  
 “ ously.”

Perhaps some minute Part of the  
 whole *Impregnation* may be forc’d off  
 by the Fire, but it is highly probable  
 that the mere *Element* evaporates in a  
 much greater Proportion, consequent-  
 ly there must be more Virtue in a  
 Quart of boil’d Water (which is the  
 Remains of two Quarts reduc’d by  
 Evaporation) than there can be in a  
 Quart of the Water as it arises from  
 the Well, tho’ perhaps, not every  
 individual *Particle* with which the two  
 Quarts was impregnated; but if there  
 remain only the same Virtue in a Quart

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\* The Strength increas’d,] that is proportionably to  
 the Quantity of the Waters, their Virtue not lying  
 in a *volatile Spirit*, as those of *Tunbridge*, and the  
 like, but in a *fix’d Salt*.

so reduc'd; as in three Pints raw, it is then sufficient to answer the Ends for which this Method of Drinking is recommended; for as these Waters are rather of an *alterative*, than *purgings* Quality, there is less Objection to their being made stronger, especially in a *stubborn Case*.

And if it be more agreeable to the Stomach, the Water may be turn'd with Milk in the following manner.

To any Quantity of the Water when boiling, add a 6th or an 8th Part of New Milk, strain off the Curd, and drink as before; which Method of drinking *Mineral Waters*, is likewise mention'd and approv'd by Dr. Grew.

Moderate Exercise is requisite to be used during the Time of drinking these Waters, to raise (as I am inform'd by the Learned) proper *Ferments* in the Humours, and to promote their due *Secretions*, to attenuate the *Fluids*, and brace up the *Fibres*, and give the *Nerves* a better Spring. Proper Exercises are Walking, Bowling, Dancing, but especially Riding; all which moderately used, will fa-

cilitate a due Secretion of the peccant Humours, particularly through the Kidneys, and be of Service to remove Obstructions in the Glands of the *Mesentery* and *Intestines*.

And during a Course of these Waters, the Food should be such as is easy of Digestion, plain, and not adulterated with high Sauces; for these, by carrying fresh Salts into the Body, daily feed the Distemper, and add new Fuel to the Flame.

All Persons under a Course of these Waters, ought to be very careful to prevent catching Cold, nothing so much hindering their good Effects, as Neglects of that Nature.

In the *Scurvy*, *King's-Evil*, *Leprosy*, *Cancers*, *sore Eyes*, and other *Ulcers*, the Water is not only to be taken inwardly, but the *Tumor*, or *Ulcer*, must be often *bath'd*, or *wash'd* with it, and wet Cloths applied to the diseased Part, and frequently renewed.

And in such Cases, where any particular Part wants to be washed or bathed with the Water, it must certainly be of Service to do it before  
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the Fire, which will open the *Pores*, and draw off the watery Part only, leaving the Particles in which their Virtue consists, to be imbibed by the opened Pores, which I my self in some Degree have experienc'd; for, being affected with a *scorbutic Heat* in my Blood, which would often show it self in my Arms, attended with a violent *Itching*, but more particularly so when warm'd either by Exercise, or sitting near the Fire: The Fire at first would raise the *Itching*, yet upon fomenting my Arms with the Water, I found a much greater Relief, and the *Itching* much sooner allay'd, then when I applied the Water only, without the Help of the Fire; and by this Means, and drinking the Water a short Time, the Disorder in my Blood was perfectly removed. If the Case be of long standing, it is necessary to drink the Waters ten Days before they are used externaly.

Notwithstanding I have been thus particular as to the drinking and applying of these Waters, I humbly beg Leave again to repeat, that in drinking, the Person is to be guided,

in respect to the *Manner*, *Time*, and *Quantity*, by his Constitution and Malady; and that in making a Judgment of these, he would not do well to trust himself too far, but for the greater Success and Security, to take the Advice of a *Physician*.

I have frequently known Persons very uneasy, when the Waters have forced the Humours out of the Blood through the Skin, by more violent Breakings out; it can't be improper therefore to observe, that such an *Appearance* is so far from affording Matter of Discouragement, that it is really a good Symptom, and the Fore-runner of a speedy Cure.

The Spring and Summer are generally allowed to be the most proper Seasons for drinking these Waters; but I find no Difference in them from the Season of the Year, either by their Specific Gravity, Chymical Experiments, or their Effects when drank by distemper'd Persons; therefore we may conclude that the *Beds* which contain the several Ingredients with which these Waters are impregnated, are wash'd in Proportion to the

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the Quantities of Water that passes through them; sufficient Care being taken to prevent the Rains penetrating into the Wells perpendicularly. The Season therefore of drinking them at any Distance from the Place, is, when any Person is afflicted with such Diseases for the Cure whereof these Springs are recommended.

But such as propose to drink the Waters only at the Wells, should be there early in the Spring, or Beginning of Summer; for if they came late to the Wells, the Winter advancing before they are perfectly cured, they have not had Patience to stay long enough, the Company being gone, and the Place become less pleasant and agreeable; so that they have been obliged to return another Season; when, instead of being well, their Distemper has grown more obstinate than before, and probably through a Neglect of drinking the Waters a few Weeks longer, they have been put to the Expence and Fatigue of a second Visit.

It is adviseable, that all Persons whose Affairs will permit them, should drink  
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the Waters at the Wells, not that they lose any Degree of their Virtue by Carriage, or Keeping, even for several Years. (For as their Virtues do not consist in any Ingredients that are *Volatile*, they are not lost when bottled, as is evident from their continuing to answer to the several † *Chymical Experiments*, curdling with Milk, retaining their Weight, and particularly from their being esteemed the stronger when reduced by *Evaporation*; which Method of drinking them is often recommended by the Gentlemen of the Faculty.) But there is generally this Difference in drinking these Waters, from, or at the Wells, that on the Spot every Person's Diet and Pleasures are made subservient to the Waters, when at a Distance the Waters, on the contrary, are made subservient to every thing else.

But for the farther Satisfaction of such as cannot come to these Wells, I have taken Notice of some parti-

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† *Vid.* the Chymical Experiments in the Appendix. *Fol.* 5. and 16. *Case*, N<sup>o</sup> 60.

etular Cures which have been effected intirely, or partly at a Distance from the Wells \*, which is an undeniable Proof of their retaining their Virtues; and in order to prevent any Doubt of the Truth of any of the following Cases, I have declared from whom I received each Case: Such as are Signed by the Parties themselves, need no farther Testimony. When these Waters are sent from the Wells, it is absolutely necessary that the Bottles be perfectly new and clean, or else the Water will often stink; and tho' the utmost Care be taken at the Wells, yet sometimes a small Straw will pass unperceiv'd in a Bottle, and when it does stink, the Stench is beyond Imagination.

I beg Leave to make one Observation, and humbly offer it to the Consideration of the Sea-faring Gentlemen; which is, that these Waters might be of great Service in Sea-Voyages, because they will keep se-

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\* Viz. N<sup>o</sup> 3, 8, 10, 12, 13, 34, 35, 58, 53, 62, 63, 64, 74, 75, 77, 78, 82, 85, 86, 87, 89, 97, 98, 99, 100, 104, 105, 112. (Vid. the second Paragraph after the List of Cures)

veral Years, and retain their full Virtues; and being most indisputably a certain Cure for all Degrees of the *Scurvy*, must consequently be particularly serviceable in preventing the ill Consequences of a Salt Diet, and want of Exercise. Their Efficacy in the Cure of that Distemper cannot long be question'd, after the great Benefit which so many eminent Commanders in the Sea-Service have received from the Use of these Waters.

Dr. *Winter*, in his Treatise of Bathing in the Hot-Baths in *Somersetshire*, publish'd in the Year 1728, takes the following Notice of these Waters.

“ The general Division which the  
 “ Ancients made of Medicinal Wa-  
 “ ters, was into Sulphureous, Bitu-  
 “ minous, Aluminous and Nitrous.  
 “ *Vitruvius*, *Pliny*, and *Cælius Aurelia-*  
 “ *nus*, are particular as to the drink-  
 “ ing the *Cutiliæ*, which the two first  
 “ call Nitrous, and the latter Alu-  
 “ minous. What the Nitre of the  
 “ Ancients was, is not altogether  
 “ certain, but, *I humbly conceive, the*  
 “ *Cutiliæ*

“ *Cutiliæ were of the same Kind with*  
 “ *those that are found with us at Holt ;*  
 “ *which Waters, from the Cures by*  
 “ *them performed, are at present ad-*  
 “ *vanced to a great Degree of Repu-*  
 “ *tation.*”

I doubt not but the Doctor had good Authority for what he then wrote; but was he, from that Time, to publish the particular Cases of his Patients, and of those only who have drank the Waters by his Advice, joyned to those auxiliary Medicines which he ordered with great Success, the most extraordinary of these Cures would be equalled by some of those performed on his Patients.

I can't (in Justice to the Doctor's Judgment, and the due Applause of the Waters) avoid mentioning one of the many Cases which I have known to come under his Care, “ A Gentleman, who, from a Venereal Disorder, had a total Difuse of the Urinary Passage, making Water through a new Orifice, after Trial of divers Means, and the Use of several *Mineral Waters*, without any Success, (for some Years to the  
 “ best



“ best of my Remembrance ) the  
 “ Doctors sent him to *Holt*, whose  
 “ salubrious Waters soon heal’d up  
 “ the new Orifice, open’d the pro-  
 “ per Passage, and he ever after  
 “ retain’d his Water with a natural  
 “ Facility, who before was liable  
 “ to frequent and involuntary Dis-  
 “ charges thereof.”

It may perhaps be objected against  
 the general Use of these Waters,  
 that what does so much Good, if  
 wrong applied, may do Harm; in  
 Answer to which it may be observed,  
 that it is not easy to misapply them  
 in *England*, a Country whose Inha-  
 bitants are in general subject to some  
 Degree of the *Scurvy*. I never yet  
 knew any one Instance of their hav-  
 ing any ill Effect, unless in *Consump-  
 tions*; and they have to my Know-  
 ledge often had a very good Effect  
 in the *Gout*, particularly on Mr. *Unit*,  
 a Gentleman of *Gloucestershire*, who  
 was much subject to the *Gout*: He  
 happen’d as he was riding, to re-  
 ceive a Blow on his Hand from a  
 Bough, which brought on him a Fit  
 of the *Gout*, first in his Hands, then  
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in his Feet; when by drinking the *Holt Waters* in somewhat a larger Quantity than usual, the Fit was carried off in eight Days; and as that was much sooner than he could expect, he took a Resolution to guard against his Distemper for the future, by making use of the same Means which had so soon relieved him in it, and he has ever since continued the Use of these Waters at Times, which have had so good an Effect, that he has been less subject to the Returns of the *Gout* ever since, and the Fits have been less severe. I received this Account from Captain *Gustavus Scot*, who is frequently at *Lloyd's Coffee-House* in *Lombard-Street*.

I know Mr. *Unit* has often drank the *Holt Waters*, and in my Hearing has several times spoken of the Benefit of these Waters in the *Gout*, for which Distemper he drank them. I should not have taken the Freedom to have mentioned this Gentleman's Name in so public a Manner, had I not been credibly inform'd, that he himself intended, for the general

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Good of Mankind, to make his Cure known.

But in this particular Case of the *Gout*, I have been assured by good Authority, that a regular Course of Drinking is necessary, since using them only for a small Time, will rather stir up the Humours, then carry them off, and rectify the *Crisis* of the Blood and Juices.

What has gained these Wells so great Reputation, is chiefly their wonderful Success in all *scrophulous* and *scorbutic* Cases, *King's-Evil*, *Running Sores*, *Ulcers inward and outward*; incipient, and even bleeding *Cancers*; *Piles inward and outward*. They speedily carry off any *Breakings* out in the Face, *Itchings* in the Skin, *Giddiness of the Head*. They have done great Service in *Lethargic* Cases; and never fail to give an Appetite. They are very effectual in strengthening all over relax'd Parts; particularly they remedy the Weakness of both Sexes, and are of singular Benefit when drank after *Mercurial Administrations*.

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I am obliged to the Reverend Mr. *Lewis*, of *Holt*, for many of the following Cases, who collected and published them some Time ago; without any other View than for the publick Benefit of Mankind; and the great Reputation which these Waters now have, is in some measure owing to that Gentleman's judicious Observations; a Specimen of which I now give, as I obtained them from him, for the better Satisfaction of the Publick, and a more convincing Proof of their Virtues.

To Mr. *Henry Eyre*.

S I R,

**A**T your Desire, I have sent you an Account of the several Strata of Earths, and Fossils found in sinking the Mineral Wells at *Holt*, which was published among the Philosophical Transactions of the Royal Society, in 1728, with such little Alterations, and Additions, as, upon a Review, were found necessary to be made.

I have also sent you the Transcript of a Letter to Dr. *Rutty*, Secretary

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*to the Royal Society, relating to the Mineral Waters at Holt; and have added another Letter to a Friend on the same Subject, which gives a particular Account of the several Cases in which the Holt Waters are, by Experience, found useful.*

I am, SIR,

Your very humble Servant,

J. LEWIS.

*An Account of the several Strata of Earth and Fossils found in sinking the Mineral Wells at Holt: By the Reverend Mr. Lewis, Curate of the Place; communicated by John Brome, Esq;*

AFTER they had passed the upper Turf, they came to a blue Clay, which held about three Foot; then they met with a yellow, brittle Clay, much like Ochre, used by Painters, about two Foot in Thickness.

Below



Below this, at about six Foot from the Surface, they came to a Bed of Stones, of a large Size, and a very hard Texture, having in some a *Gypsum*, in others a *Spar*-like Substance, which run through, and divided their Parts into Squares, all fill'd with harden'd Loam of a grey Colour. These Stones were all of an Oval Figure, in Shape like Pebbles, and weigh'd from ten to sixty Pound Weight; they are found to extend all over the adjacent Field, upon a *Horizontal Level*, and exactly answer the Description of *Helmont's Ludus*, which he mentions near *Antwerp*, on the River *Scheld*, and to which he ascribes such wonderful Virtues in dissolving the Stone.

From thence to the Springs, which ran about eleven Foot from the Surface, was a Loam of a looser Texture, intermix'd with *Ochre*, and sparkling with a Kind of Talc, to which the Naturalists give the Name of *Selenites*. These were found plentifully shot in the Clay, and are Crystals consisting of transparent shining brittle Flakes, some of *Rhomboidal*,

*beidal*, others of a *Conical* Figure, but all *Hexaedra*, or Columns of six Sides and Angles: Where they were Conical, their Position was very curious, many being plac'd in a round, and fix'd like *Radii*, to one Centre. They had no sensible Taste of Salt, and the Clay in which they were found, was interspersed with Veins of colour'd Earth, resembling Sulphur, and Iron Rust.

Below the Springs, the Clay was darker colour'd, and interlaced with small Shells of the Oyster and Escallop, and Muscle-kind, with *Belemnites*, *Entrochi*, &c. curiously shaped. Here they met with Stones of a very close Texture, which, when washed, seem'd to be nothing but a Mass of Shells blended and embodied together. And a little lower, the Clay produced some Lumps of a black, bituminous Sulphur, interlaid with some small, thin *Laminae*, seeming to be Metalline, and bright like the purest Silver. Upon firing this sulphureous *Bitumen* on a red hot Iron, it emitted a blue Flame, and strong Smell, like Brimstone; but the metallic

tallic Part was so volatiliz'd by the Sulphur, that it was lost in burning.

From this Account of the different *Strata*, in sinking the Wells, their Impregnation seems to be from *Alom*, *Vitriol of Steel*, *Ochre* and *Sulphur*; and from an accurate Mixture of all these, which no Art can imitate, it is supposed to derive those admirable Qualities with which it is endued.

Some Conjectures may be made of its Nature and Qualities, from the Tincture it gives upon Chymical Experiments; for with Volatile Alcalies, as *Spirit of Urine*, and *Sat Armoniac*, it turns milky; with Lixivate Salts, as *Oil of Tartar per del.* it rises in a white Curdle; but acid, saline Liquors, as *Spirit of Salt*, *Nitre*, &c. cause no Alteration. The milky Curdle from the *Oil of Tartar*, discovers a Mixture of *Alom* and *Sulphur*; for *Sulphur-water* when impregn'd with a little *aluminous Salt*, will turn white with *Oil of Tartar*. Its milky Colour with *Spirit of Urine*, is a certain Indication of the *Alom*; for having let fall a few Drops of  
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*Spirit of Wine* into common Water, it did not alter the Colour, till adding thereto a Solution of Alom, it immediately appear'd in a white Cloud, and became milky.

A Gallon and half of this Water being evaporated *ad Siccitatem*, the *Reliquiæ* weigh'd three Drams one Scruple, and nineteen Grains; some Parts of which were shot into *Stiria*, like Needles; others into *Prisms*, with *Lamellæ*, or thin Plates sticking to the Vessel.

The Neighbouring Country is chiefly a strong Clay; the Quarries produce a very hard Stone, which seem to be a Composition of Shells, closely cemented and embodied together; and some Marchasites, which abound with Sulphur. In sinking deep Pits, they throw up Stones like Iron Oar, and covered with a shining, metal-line Substance, and serpentine Stones, curiously ingrail'd, and wound up in spiral Circles; and the plough'd Fields abound with Stones, resembling Shells of the Escallop and Cockle-kind, striated with *Arteriæ*, or Star-stones, which are all strong *Alkalies*, and with

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*Aqua Fortis*, or *Spirit of Nitre*, raise a violent Ebullition.

A Copy of a Letter to Dr. Rutton, late Secretary of the *Royal Society*, relating to the *Mineral Waters of Holt*.

S I R,

IN a Letter I received lately from Mr. Brome, he gave me an Account that he had communicated to you a Paper of mine, relating to the *Mineral Waters at Holt*; and that you had sent it to the Press among the *Philosophical Memoirs of the Royal Society*.

I little imagin'd when it was first pen'd, it would have gone abroad into the World in so publick a Manner. It was drawn up at the Request of a Gentleman drinking the Waters here, to enable him to answer some Queries propos'd to him, by his Friend in Town, upon that Subject. But since you have thought fit to give it a Place among the *Transactions of the Society*, I cannot but pay so much Deference to your  
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*Judgment, as to acquiesce in the Publication, and hope it may be a Means to recommend the Waters to the good Opinion of the Learned Gentlemen of the Faculty.*

*Your Intimation to Mr. Brome, that you was willing to inquire into some farther Particulars relating to these Waters, hath drawn upon you the Trouble of this Paper; for though I have too slender an Insight into Affairs of this Nature, to be able to give you any satisfactory Account, yet I am willing, as far as lies in me, to make known the excellent Virtues of these Waters, of which I have been an Eye-Witness for many Years, in many extraordinary Cures.*

*Experience has prov'd them of admirable Efficacy in scorbutic and scrophulous Cases, wherein they have done such Wonders, that a short Account which was publish'd of their Cures in that Kind, about five Years ago, was look'd upon by some rather as a Roman-tick Tale, than a True Narrative of real Facts.*

*They are of an attenuating, astringent, and drying Nature; and by these*



these Qualities, I suppose, they perform their Cures. The first is the known Property of all Water, to dilute the Blood, and thin the Juices, and thereby fit them to pass the fine Strainers, and be carried out of the Body by their proper Drains. In the second consists the great Excellence of Holt Water, which by its notable Astringency, braces the Solids, stimulates the Fibres, and quickens their Contractile Powers, and thereby enables them to shake off, protrude, and squeeze out, such Feculencies as may adhere to, clog, and stuff 'em up: And this Quality it is probable they derive from the Alom, and Iron that are supposed to impregnate them. The Ingredients that give them their drying, healing, and absorbent Quality, are the Sulphur and Ochre, by which they imbibe the peccant Humours, and sheath the sharp Salts that lance and tear the finer Glands, and cause Blotches and Ulcerations. As they attenuate and astringe, they are a noble Diuretic, removing Obstructions from the Kidneys, and causing the Renal Glands to make their due Secretions; and at the same Time dissolving the grosser Salts, and  
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fitting them to be carried off through the Urinary Passages.

The Waters being found of excellent Avail in many other Illnesses besides the Scurvy and Evil, I forbear mentioning any other Cases, lest I trespass against good Manners, by making my first Visit too long. I am, with all due Respect,

SIR,

Your very humble and

obedient Servant,

J. L——s.

*A Copy of a Letter to a Friend, giving an Account of the particular Cases in which the Holt Waters are found to be of Service.*

Dear S I R,

I Am favour'd with yours about a Fortnight ago, and the Concern you express in it for the Welfare of me, and my Family, is extremely obliging. The Waters I find, have been of signal Service

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to you, in your Disorder, which I am glad to hear, and the more, because I encouraged you to expect it. I perceive the good Opinion you have of their Virtues, has raised your Curiosity to make farther Enquiries into their Qualities, and Manner of Operation; and you would gladly be inform'd what other particular Cases they are serviceable in; and how they are supposed to be fitted to produce such notable Effects. I would willingly comply with your Request herein, was I not conscious to myself, that I shall not give you That Satisfaction on this Head, which you seem to expect. However, I chuse rather to run the Hazard of forfeiting your good Opinion, by an imperfect Account, than decline an Undertaking, whereby I may convince you, how much I value your Friendship, and may, in some measure, acknowledge my Obligations to you.

I shall begin with the *Scurvy*, a Disease that is not only very common, but very difficult of Cure;

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\* and if it be the Foundation of all  
 \* that black Train of Maladies Dr.  
 \* Cheyne attributes to it \*, I am sure  
 \* we ought to raise all the *Posse* of  
 \* *Medicines* against it ; and this *Mi-*  
 \* *neral Water*, which seems peculiarly  
 \* adapted to *Scorbutic Disorders*, will  
 \* justly deserve all the Praises that  
 \* are given it, if it can quell, and  
 \* root out so general, so obstinate,  
 \* and so fatal a Distemper. It is sup-  
 \* pos'd to owe its Rise to a Redun-  
 \* dance of Salts in the Blood, occa-  
 \* sion'd generally by eating too much  
 \* Flesh, and salted Meats ; or, drink-  
 \* ing plentifully of strong Liquors  
 \* which carry a large Quantity of

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\* *He says*, ' We owe to it all the Dropsies  
 \* that happen after the Meridian of Life ; all  
 \* Diabetes, Asthma's ; Consumptions of several  
 \* Kinds ; many Sorts of Colicks, and Diarrhoeas ;  
 \* some Kinds of Gouts, and Rheumatisms ; all  
 \* Palies ; various Kinds of Ulcers ; and, possibly,  
 \* the Cancer itself : And most Cutaneous Foul-  
 \* nesses, weakly Constitutions, and bad Digesti-  
 \* ons ; Vapours, Melancholy, and almost all  
 \* Nervous Distempers whatsoever. *Essay of Health,*  
 \* fol. 178. And again he says, fol. 180. ' Most  
 \* Chronical Distempers are little else but Branches  
 \* and Cions from this Root.

\* Salts

Salts into the Body. But without Doubt, sometimes this Malady is *ex Traduce*, and arises from an Hereditary Sharpness in the Blood, whereby the original Taint being deeper radicated, is much more difficultly overcome. The proper Method of Cure, as I take it, is,

1. To prevent the Increase of the morbid Matter, by a moderate Use of animal Food, and a total Abstinence from high-season'd Meats, and all hot, spirituous Liquors; or, at least, by using 'em as sparingly, and as seldom as conveniently we can.

2. By a due Use of Exercise, as Walking, Riding, Chafing, &c. to break the Salts, and promote their Secretions. And where Inactivity and a sedentary Life have contributed to bring on this Distemper, such *Medicina Gymnastica* may go a great way towards the Cure.

3. By a regular Use of such *Antiscorbutics*, as may absorb and wash off the Salts, and carry them out of the Body by their proper Out-

lets, particularly by Urine ; and at the same Time may new brace the Solids, and reduce the Fibres to their due Tensity : And for these Intentions, *Holt Waters* seem peculiarly fitted, as it is a *Diluent* and *Detergent*, an excellent *Diuretic*, and a notable *Astringent*.

By these Qualities it thins the Juices, dissolves the acrid Salts, and fits them to pass the Orifices of the *Excretory Vessels* ; cleanses the *Alimentary Passages*, &c. and at the same Time rouses and enables Nature to discharge the noxious Humours, by giving a new Spring to the Fibres, and causing the Glands to make their due Secretions ; and herein consists the chief Method of Cure.

For the internal Cause of the *Scurvy* oftentimes is this, that the thinner Parts of the *Serum* passing off plentifully, in sufficiently large Quantities, and the grosser Salts, which ought likewise to have been strain'd off, and discharged through the Kidneys, being retain'd in the Blood,



Blood, hence the *Mesenteric* and  
*Cutaneous Glands* come by Degrees  
 to be obstructed, and, in Time, the  
 sharp corrosive Salts increasing their  
 Bulk and Acrimony, and sticking  
 in the *Capillaries*, produce hard Swel-  
 lings, red Spots, and Eruptions,  
 and cause a general Disorder in the  
 whole *Animal Oeconomy*.

And the Excellence of this Wa-  
 ter, is to dissolve and break the  
 Salts into a Smallness, sufficient to  
 give them a free Passage through  
 the Kidneys, and at the same Time  
 to excite the *Renal Glands*, to se-  
 parate them from the Blood, and  
 turn them out of the Body by their  
 proper Emunctory. Besides, the  
 Impregnation of this Water being  
 partly Vitriolic, gives a better *Con-*  
*sistence* to the Blood, which is grown  
 too lax in *scorbutic* Constitutions;  
 so that I may venture to say, that  
 in all the *Materia Medica*, there is  
 not a more safe and noble Remedy  
 for such Disorders, than these *Mi-*  
*neral Waters*, which, if continued  
 a sufficient Time, and attended  
 with a regular Diet, moderate Ex-

exercise, and in obstinate Cases, with  
 a few proper Medicines, will so  
 sweeten the Blood, and all the  
 Juices in the Body, as to quell  
 and overcome this Distemper : Ac-  
 cordingly, under this unhappy Ma-  
 lady, great Numbers have here found  
 Relief. How many have I heard  
 extolling the Medicinal Virtues of  
 the Waters, and with Pleasure  
 owning the great Benefit they had  
 found by the Use of them in scor-  
 butic Disorders. Red or livid Spots,  
 sometimes emitting a briny Hu-  
 mour, or crufted over with a white  
 Scurf, have been clear'd, and the  
 Skin brought to its Natural Co-  
 lour and Smoothness. *Strumous*  
*Swellings*, particularly in the Glands  
 of the Neck, or under the lower  
 Jaws, have been carried off, the  
 Obstructions removed, and the  
 Glands reduced to their Natural  
 Size ; and even the *Scrophula*, pro-  
 ceeding from a radicated *Scurvy*,  
 hath here found a perfect Cure.

The *Scrophula*, or *King's - Evil*,  
 owes its Origin mostly to a Scor-  
 butic, sometimes to a *Venereal Taint* ;  
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and accordingly as it derives its  
 Rise from each of these Causes, is  
 more difficult, or easy of Cure ;  
 and in either Case, may find Re-  
 lief from these *Mineral Waters*.  
 A *Scrophula*, proceeding from an  
 inveterate Scurvy, is a stubborn  
 Distemper, and is not to be work'd  
 off but by a long Course of *Alte-*  
*ratives* ; among which, *Holt Water*  
 may be allowed the Precedence,  
 being a Remedy admirably suited  
 to this Case, as it is of an atte-  
 nuating, cooling, cleansing, and  
 drying Nature, and an excellent  
*Deobstruent*, *Diuretic*, and *Astrin-*  
*gent*. By these Qualities, inwardly  
 taken, it insinuates itself into the  
 inmost Recesses of the Body, thins  
 the feculent Juices, cools the hot  
 Blood, softens and smooths the As-  
 perities of the sharp corrosive Hu-  
 mours, and carries them off through  
 the Urinary Passages. And out-  
 wardly applied, it cleanses away  
 the ulcerous *Sordes* ; and having, by  
 its internal Use, diverted the Course  
 of the Humours to some proper  
 natural Drain, gently purges up,  
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‘ and by Degrees, closes the Mouths  
 ‘ of the *excretory Glands* ; and thereby  
 ‘ putting a Stop to the Afflux of the  
 ‘ Humours to the diseased Part, heals  
 ‘ the Wound. In like manner, and  
 ‘ for the same Reason, it is of excel-  
 ‘ lent Avail in all *running Ulcers*,  
 ‘ and *inward Ulcers* of the *Bowels*,  
 ‘ *Womb*, &c. which owe their Ori-  
 ‘ ginal to corroding Humours, ari-  
 ‘ sing from an Excess of acrid *Serum* :  
 ‘ Such as are virulent, and emit a  
 ‘ thin watery Humour, it brings to  
 ‘ a due Concoction ; and such as are  
 ‘ purulent and sordid, it cleanses and  
 ‘ heals ; for penetrating into the  
 ‘ smallest Vessels, it attenuates, and  
 ‘ squeezes out the noxious Humours ;  
 ‘ dilutes, breaks, and precipitates the  
 ‘ Salts of the Blood, which ouze  
 ‘ through, and deform the Skin, and  
 ‘ carries ’em out of the Body by  
 ‘ Urine ; and by external Applica-  
 ‘ tion, washes away the Slough and  
 ‘ Filth of the *Ulcerous Exudations*.  
 ‘ But further,  
 ‘ These Waters have been used  
 ‘ with good Success in *incipient Can-*  
 ‘ *cers*, and *schirrous Tumours* of the  
 ‘ Breasts,

‘ Breasts, and other Glandulous Parts.  
 ‘ A *Cancer* is a terrible *Malady*, and  
 ‘ when fixed and ulcerated, is gene-  
 ‘ rally incurable, by reason of its  
 ‘ corrosive malign Venom ferment-  
 ‘ ing in the Humours. When it is  
 ‘ only a hard Tumour, or Node la-  
 ‘ tent in the Glands of the Breast,  
 ‘ without any Ulceration, *This Water*  
 ‘ is of excellent Avail, and has been  
 ‘ made Use of with great Success;  
 ‘ but where it is ulcerated, the Dan-  
 ‘ ger is greater, and the Cure much  
 ‘ more difficult. But even here, these  
 ‘ Waters are of Service to allay the  
 ‘ Heat of the Humours, abate the  
 ‘ Pain, and procure Ease; and I  
 ‘ have been assured, they have some-  
 ‘ times affected a Cure, even in *Bleed-*  
 ‘ *ing Cancers*.

‘ The Mention of this, brings to  
 ‘ my Mind, the Case of *A Gentleman*  
 ‘ about sixty Years of Age, who came  
 ‘ hither to drink the Waters; under this  
 ‘ Illness, a Cancer had seiz’d the Root  
 ‘ of his Tongue, and made ghastly Ulcers  
 ‘ in that spongy Part; the Physicians  
 ‘ and Surgeons spent their Skill upon it  
 ‘ some Time, but finding it too hard for  
 ‘ them,

them, they sent him to Bristol to drink the Waters; there he continued about six Weeks, and sensibly grew worse; for the Cancer had eaten through one of the Blood-Vessels, and caus'd a large Evacuation of Blood, which much weakened him before he came to Holt, and continually gave him a great deal of Pain. At his coming to Holt, he had a new Ulcer beginning in the Roof of his Mouth; this the Water soon cleans'd and heal'd, and the gargling his Mouth with them, gave him such Ease under his Tongue, that he would often say,  
 " That there was something in these  
 " Waters peculiarly adapted to his  
 " Distemper; and that he verily believ'd, if he had come hither,  
 " when he went to Bristol, it would  
 " have given him a perfect Cure.

“ A Cancer is at first only a meer  
 “ Obstruction of the Glands, where  
 “ the Matter stagnating, becomes gradually more and more acrid, produces pungent and gnawing Pains,  
 “ and in Time grows corrosive, eating  
 “ and mortifying the Parts around it.  
 “ The Cure of it seems to consist  
 “ in these three Intentions: *First,*  
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The forcing open the Obstructions.  
*Secondly*, the correcting and evacu-  
 ating the hot, sharp Humours;  
 and, *Thirdly*, The preventing the  
 Growth of the Tumour, and dis-  
 posing it to Discussion; and all  
 these, this *Mineral Water* seems fit-  
 ted to effect; for by its *Deobstru-*  
*ent*, *Diuretic*, *Balsamic*, and *Discus-*  
*sive* Qualities, it breaks through  
 the *Glandular Obstructions*, dilutes,  
 and depurates the Blood, allays its  
 Heat, and corrects its Acrimony;  
 softens and smooths the animal  
 Fluids, and at the same Time  
 keeps up the Vigour of Digestion,  
 to prepare better Juices.

But, as in such calamitous Cases  
 we should call in all the Assistance  
 we can to quell such stubborn Ma-  
 ladies, so here the Patient, toge-  
 ther with the Water, may make  
 Use of other Helps; may open an  
 Issue in the Neighbouring Parts, to  
 hinder the Afflux of Humours to  
 the diseased Place; must be care-  
 ful to avoid such sharp, hot, high-  
 season'd Meats and Drinks, as may  
 dispose the Blood to Acrimony;  
 and

and use a moistening, cooling, and  
 thin Diet; abstain from violent  
 Motions, that may over-heat the  
 Blood, from immoderate Watch-  
 ings or Fastings; and never give  
 Way to any Transports of Passion;  
 to the Excesses of Anger, Grief,  
 or Care.

The Waters, moreover, are in  
 good Esteem for the Cure of the  
 Leprosy; a Disease that was for-  
 merly much more frequent in Eng-  
 land, and about the Beginning of  
 the Norman Reign, spread all over  
 the Kingdom by Infection. It is  
 either Hereditary, from a hot, sa-  
 line Semen, or acquir'd by Salt  
 Meats, in particular Constitutions.  
 It is commonly distinguish'd into  
 two Sorts, viz. the *Elephantiasis*,  
 and *Lepra Græcorum*, both pro-  
 ceeding from sharp Humours in  
 the Blood and Juices, thrown up-  
 on the Glands of the Skin, and  
 there crusting into hard Tubercles,  
 or covering the Body with dry  
 Scales, and a white Scurf.

Now these Waters are peculiarly  
 fitted for such Illnesses, as owe their  
 Original

Origine to sharp Humours, and  
 accordingly have done some re-  
 markable Cures in *Leprous Cases*.  
 For insinuating into the most re-  
 mote Stages of Circulation, it clean-  
 ses the Excretory Ducts of the  
 Cutaneous Glands ; and dissolving  
 the acrid Salts, imbibes, and carries  
 them out of the Body, through the  
 Urinary Passages ; for an insuffici-  
 ent Discharge by the Kidneys, is  
 often a great Aggravation of this  
 Distemper. The Salts being by this  
 Means retain'd in the Blood, are  
 thrown upon the Glands of the  
 Skin, consequently Diluters and Di-  
 ureticks must be of Service ; and  
 in this Case, I know not a better  
 than the *Holt Waters*.

But the Mischief is, few People  
 have Patience to wait a Cure : For  
 where Distempers are fix'd, and  
 have gotten Head, or are Here-  
 ditary, and interwoven with the  
 Principles of Life, they are never,  
 perhaps, to be totally overcome ;  
 at least, a Cure is not to be ex-  
 pected under a long Course of  
 Alteratives ; and this Water must  
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‘ work in the Way of an Alterative  
 ‘ Medicine, *i. e.* by gradual and  
 ‘ gentle Steps. And when a vicious  
 ‘ *Crafsis* of the Blood is thus to be  
 ‘ corrected, it must take up a good  
 ‘ deal of Time to have the Medicine  
 ‘ duly mix’d with the whole Mass,  
 ‘ which must be done before a perfect  
 ‘ Cure is to be expected. ’Tis vain  
 ‘ to imagine, that a Malignity con-  
 ‘ vey’d by slow Degrees into the  
 ‘ Blood, should be extirpated on a  
 ‘ sudden; or, a Distemper that has  
 ‘ many Years been breeding in the  
 ‘ Body, and perhaps arises from an  
 ‘ Hereditary Taint, should be car-  
 ‘ ried off in a little Time.

‘ But as in all *Cutaneous Foulnesses*, it is necessary to wash the Part  
 ‘ affected with the Waters, so in  
 ‘ *Leprous Cases* it will be proper to  
 ‘ bath the whole Body in them two  
 ‘ or three times a Week; and if  
 ‘ the Springs will supply a sufficient  
 ‘ Quantity for Bathing, it is not to  
 ‘ be doubted, but the Wells will  
 ‘ afford frequent Instances of Cures  
 ‘ of this Nature; and such as labour  
 ‘ under this unhappy Malady, may  
 ‘ hope,

hope, through the Blessing of God,  
here to find Relief and Remedy.

Another Case, wherein the *Holt Waters* have been found to do good, is the *Chronical Rheumatism*; the Learned Dr. *Sydenham*, you know, acquaints us that there is a Sort of *Rheumatism* that has a very near Resemblance to the *Scurvy*, which it imitates in its principal Symptoms, and requires almost the very same Remedies; and therefore he says, it may fitly be called the *Scorbutic Rheumatism*. The Patient is afflicted with wandring Pains, which sometimes seize one Limb, sometimes another; and at other times assaults only the internal Parts, producing a Sicknefs which vanishes again as soon as the Pain returns to the outward Parts. It is attended with irregular Symptoms, but no Fever; and he observes, that it chiefly assaults Women, and Men too, that are of a weak Constitution; and that they that have used the *Peruvian Bark* long, and often, are obnoxious to this Disease. Now, as *Holt Water*

• is an excellent Antiscorbutic, it  
 • must be of singular Service in this  
 • Illness, to attemperate the Blood ;  
 • and by its attenuating and deter-  
 • sive Qualities, to break its Visci-  
 • dities, open the Obstructions of the  
 • small Vessels, thin the fizy *Serum*,  
 • and so fit it to pass off by Perspi-  
 • ration and Urine.

• The next Illness that these Wa-  
 • ters stand highly recommended in,  
 • are *Sore Eyes*, which are sometimes  
 • inflam'd with a hot briny Humour,  
 • flowing from the *Ciliary Glands*,  
 • whose Excretory Channels open  
 • upon the Edges of the Lids. The  
 • Office of these small Glands, is to  
 • separate a mucous Substance, or  
 • Wax, which fastens the Eye-Lids  
 • while we sleep ; but sometimes it  
 • happens these Glands are vitiated,  
 • and secrete a sharp and acrid Juice,  
 • which corrodes the Cartilages of the  
 • Lids, and weakens the Eye, or  
 • emit their *Mucus* in such Quan-  
 • tities, as to load the Lids with a  
 • dry Scurf, and in the Night-time  
 • seals them up, that they are not  
 • to



‘ to be opened without Difficulty  
 ‘ and Trouble.

‘ Now, tho’ we find that when  
 ‘ peccant Humours have found Vent  
 ‘ by the Glands of the Eyes, it is  
 ‘ no easy Matter to reach ’em, yet  
 ‘ Experience has shewn us, that this  
 ‘ Water has been able to do it when  
 ‘ other Methods have fail’d ; for with  
 ‘ continued Use, it enters the small  
 ‘ Vessels, where no other Medicines  
 ‘ can come, and extends its Influ-  
 ‘ ence to the remotest Glands, ab-  
 ‘ sorbs the Salts, and by its Diuretic  
 ‘ Quality, precipitates them through  
 ‘ the Kidneys ; and outwardly ap-  
 ‘ plied, it cools the inflam’d Parts ;  
 ‘ straitens their Orifices, and cleanses  
 ‘ away the noxious Humours ; or re-  
 ‘ pels them into the circulating Fluid ;  
 ‘ where the Mineral Particles meet  
 ‘ with them, and turn them out of  
 ‘ the Body by their proper Out-  
 ‘ lets.

‘ Another common Illness wherein  
 ‘ this Water is of good Avail, is  
 ‘ the *Piles*, and *Fistula’s* thence ari-  
 ‘ sing ; the *Bleeding Piles* indeed, need  
 ‘ not be stop’d, whilst they discharge

a gross viscous Blood, and in such  
 a moderate Quantity that the Pa-  
 tient bears the Evacuation well;  
 for they purge the Body of fecu-  
 lent, bad Blood, and preserve it  
 from worse Distempers: But if by  
 Loss of Strength, Pain in the Back  
 and Thighs, Failing of Appetite,  
 and Deadness of Look, it appears  
 that the Flux is too much, and  
 ought to be moderated, what Re-  
 lief may not reasonably be expected  
 from such an excellent Cleanser,  
 Dryer, and Astringent, as the *Holt*  
*Waters* are?

The *Blind Piles* are caus'd by a  
 mucous, thick, stagnating Matter,  
 obstructing the Vessels, and hinder-  
 ing the Circulation; so that the  
 Blood which descends to the *Anus*,  
 by the inferior *Mesenteric Artery*,  
 &c. instead of being carried back  
 by the *Hæmorrhoidal Veins*, lodges  
 in the inner Coats of the straight  
 Gut, and there necessarily excites  
 Tumour, Inflammation, and Pain.  
 To remedy which, these Waters  
 seem well adapted, for they atte-  
 nuate, and dissolve the fizy Juices  
 of

of the Glands of the *Rectum*; and  
 having cleans'd away the viscid  
 Matter, brace them up to their  
 natural Tone; and by cooling the  
 Parts, and correcting the sharp  
*Serum*, they abate the Inflamma-  
 tion, and allay the Pain. And even  
 in *Fistula's*, they never fail to alle-  
 viate the Symptoms, seldom fail to  
 effect a Cure, having sometimes  
 brought such seasonable Relief, as  
 hath not only carried off the Ill-  
 ness, but so effectually cleans'd and  
 strengthen'd the Parts, as to pre-  
 vent its Return.

This Water has been found like-  
 wise of good Effect to carry off *Tuber-  
 cles*, and *Flushings in the Face*, and *Itch-  
 ing in the Skin*, by removing the Ob-  
 structions of the *Viscera*, and attem-  
 perating the ill Quality of the Blood.  
 By its *Detersive*, *Absorbent*, and *Di-  
 uretic* Quality, it cleanses the Reins  
 and Ureters; blunts the Acrimony  
 of the Humours, and removes Sand  
 and Slime obstructing the Urinary  
 Passages.

By its Cleansing and Astringency,  
 it helps the *Fluor Albus*, occasion'd  
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‘ from a Relaxation and Weakness in  
 ‘ the Glands of the *Uterus* ; from  
 ‘ whence issues a white, viscid *Lympha*,  
 ‘ which weakens the Sex very much,  
 ‘ if it continues long upon ’em ; for  
 ‘ it mends the Digestions, attenuates  
 ‘ the fizy Juices, strengthens the Tone  
 ‘ of the Uterine Glands, and braces  
 ‘ and straitens their Orifices which are  
 ‘ too lax and open, and thereby puts  
 ‘ a Stop to the Disorder.

‘ It has likewise been found of  
 ‘ good Avail in curing *Old Gleet*;  
 ‘ and strengthening and healing Weak-  
 ‘ nesses in the Seminal Vessels. In all  
 ‘ *Venereal Taints*, there is an Acri-  
 ‘ mony in the Juices, which corrodes  
 ‘ the Vessels, weakens their Tone, and  
 ‘ occasions Ulcerations : This Sharp-  
 ‘ ness of the Humours, the *Holt*  
 ‘ *Waters* have a peculiar Quality to  
 ‘ correct and remove, sheathing the  
 ‘ Pointed Angles of the acid Parti-  
 ‘ cles, and cleansing and healing the  
 ‘ corroded Vessels, and retrieving their  
 ‘ natural Tone and Vigour.

‘ Its Efficacy has been likewise ex-  
 ‘ perienced in *Loss of Appetite*, and  
 ‘ *bad Digestion*, when the Glands in  
 ‘ the

the Coat of the Stomach, which in  
 a regular and healthful State, strain  
 off only such Juices, and in such  
 Proportion, as are useful for the  
 Office of Digestion, when these  
 Strainers are relaxed, and thereby  
 suffer an inordinate Plenty of vis-  
 cous, or sharp Humours to pass  
 through their Channels, and empty  
 themselves into the Stomach, and  
 filling it with crude and noxious  
 Juices, hurt the Digestion; in such  
 Case, *This Water* is of signal Ser-  
 vice, to cleanse the Inside of the  
 Stomach from the Foulness that  
 sticks to it, to close the Mouths of  
 the Glands, brace the Fibres, and  
 draw up the Membranes to their  
 due Tensity, and thereby strengthen  
 the Concoctive Powers.

I was going to tell you, that  
*this Water* is esteem'd good against  
 the Gout, and in *White Swellings*,  
*Vertigo's*, *Heart-Burnings*, &c. But  
 I check myself, lest you should think  
 I propose to palm upon you an  
 Empirical Medicine, and to make  
*Holt Water* good for every Thing:  
 However, as it is a *Diluent*, *Diu-*  
*retic*,

' *retic*, and *Astringent*, there is no  
 ' Doubt, but, if discreetly used, it  
 ' may be of good Service in all  
 ' these, and many other Cases.

' But Experience is the best Proof,  
 ' and convinces more than any Me-  
 ' thod of Reasoning ; the Living  
 ' Testimonies of what it has done,  
 ' are the most satisfactory Evidence  
 ' of what it can do. A long Detail  
 ' of these I might have transmitted  
 ' to you, had due Care been taken  
 ' to have recorded the remarkable  
 ' Cures in all the fore-mention'd Cases;  
 ' particularly, in *Scurvies*, *Schrophu-*  
 ' *la's*, *Leprosies*, *Piles*, *Cancers*, &c.  
 ' But this not being considered in  
 ' Time, a vast Number of these are  
 ' irretrievably lost: Such as my  
 ' Memory can upon Recollection re-  
 ' cover, I shall some Time or other  
 ' send you an Account of ; or, ra-  
 ' ther, since you have Thoughts of  
 ' making a Visit to *Holt*, I shall de-  
 ' fer it, till I have the Happiness of  
 ' seeing you here.

' Thus, in Compliance with your  
 ' Desire, I have open'd to you a  
 ' *Treasure of Natural Physick*, provi-  
 ' ded



‘ ded by the Author of Nature, to  
 ‘ relieve the Miseries of Human Life ;  
 ‘ but in recommending it, have been  
 ‘ insensibly drawn into an improper  
 ‘ Length ; so that I believe I have  
 ‘ sufficiently tried your Patience, and  
 ‘ given you Cause to wish you had  
 ‘ been less inquisitive into its Nature  
 ‘ and Virtues ; but my last Page is  
 ‘ full, and I shall detain you no longer,  
 ‘ than whilst I repeat the Assurances  
 ‘ I have often given you, that I am,  
 ‘ with the utmost Sincerity,

*Dear S I R,*

*Your very humble, and*

*most obedient Servant,*

J. L.



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Eminent CURES, &amp;c.

NUMB. I.



*William Yerbury, of Orchard-*  
*ley, near Froome, in Somerset-*  
*shire, had the Head of his*  
 Shoulder-Bone broke by a  
 Waggon-Wheel going over it, which  
 in Time grew Carious, and very  
 painful, with divers Ulcers; and  
 after five Years Suffering, he made  
 Use of this Water, and by drinking  
 it some time, and washing the Part  
 affected with it, a great Piece of the  
 round Head of the Shoulder-Bone,

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where

where it is joyned to the *Scapula*, came out, (and is now to be seen at the Wells, and has been viewed by most of the Water-Drinkers there.) The Man is perfectly cured, and is in a Capacity to follow his Calling, and able to go through with most Parts of Husbandry-Work.

*The Truth of this Case is witnessed by Mrs. Grace Harding, Keeper of Holt-Wells; who likewise attests the Truth of all the following Cases, to which her Name is Subscribed.*

*The Reverend Mr. Lewis, Curate of Holt, will attest the Truth of this Case, and many of the most remarkable Cures which follow in the subsequent List.*

## NUMB. II.

**J**OH<sup>N</sup> Barnes, of Road, in the County of Somerset, had a sharp corrosive Humour in his Leg and Arm, supposed to be the *King's-Evil*, under which he languished four Years, and could find no Cure from Surgery or Physick; but making Use of this Water, a large Part of the Bone  
(*Radius*)



(*Radius*) of his Arm, in a short time came out, and he was perfectly cured in seven Weeks.

*Witness,*

*Grace Harding.*

### NUMB. III.

THESE are to Certify, That I *Anthony Rose*, late of *Bradford*, in the County of *Wilts*, was seventeen Years forely afflicted with the *King's-Evil*; it was in my Right Arm, and, by my Friends Opinion, occasioned by the Small Pox. It happened when I was about four Years of Age, and I was at least three and twenty when cured, during which Time, I had the best Help, but to no Purpose, till the End of seventeen Years, when the Virtue of the *Holt Waters* being known to Mr. *Onslow*, an Apothecary, in our Town of *Bradford*; upon which Discovery, I applied myself to them, and in about eighteen Months I was perfectly cured, without using any other Remedy, not-

withstanding I had no less than eleven Wounds, some of which were standing from my first being afflicted with the Distemper. I had, during the Time I used the Water, no less than forty Bones, like those of a Fish's Back, work out of the Wounds. The Truth of all which I am ready to make Oath of, if any are so curious in their Enquiry. Written and Signed by the said

*Anthony Rose.*

*Salum, Octob.*

28, 1729.

N. B. *As the above Numb. III. is a Certificate of a very extraordinary Cure, it may not be improper to inform the Publick, that the said Anthony Rose is at this Time an Excise-Man in Salisbury, where he delivered me the aforesaid Certificate, in the Presence of the Honourable Captain William Herbert, Son of the Right Honourable the Earl of Pembroke, to whom he shew'd his Arm; and likewise gave a very particular Account of his Case. The Waters were chiefly drank at Bradford.*

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**P** *Almer Wheat*, of *Stanlake*, *Oxfordshire*, about fifteen Years of Age, had the *King's-Evil* in his Foot in so desperate a manner, that it was concluded his Leg must have been Cut off; but being advised to make use of *Holt Waters*, he was brought thither in the Month of *July*, and after the Waters had clear'd off several Pieces of the Bones, and much putrid Flesh, it heal'd his Wounds, and made a thorough Cure upon him.

Witness, *John Earle*, of *Holt*,  
with whom he lodged.

## NUMB. V.

**A** Young Man from *Scotland*, aged about twenty, came to *Holt* with a great many *Scrophulous Ulcers* in one of his Legs and Feet, which was so weakned and battered by it, that he could put no Stress upon it, but was forced to support himself  
with

with a Cane and a Crutch. The Bone was foul, and therefore the Cure was longer a perfecting; but the Man had Patience, and tho' his Circumstances were so mean, that he subsisted wholly upon the Charity of good People, he persisted in drinking and using the Water, till it had heal'd all his Wounds, and so strengthen'd the Parts, that he could tread upon the Lame Foot as firmly as on the Sound; could run on Errands some Miles, and was able to do a Day's Labour, with as good Wages, as any Man. It was more than a Year and a half before the Cure was effected; and it is probable the Sores were longer in healing, by Reason of the Cold he underwent in the Winter, being forc'd to lodge in a Hay-Loft, upon a Bed of Straw, which gave him an Ague, that held him some Time, having no Fire but what the Humanity of a Farmer admitted him to.

Witness, *Grace Harding.*

*This Case I receiv'd from the Reverend Mr. Lewis of Holt.*

## NUMB. VI.

**H** *Annab Whitehead*, late of *Mangotsfield*, near *Bristol*, now living at *Holt*, and about fourteen Years of Age, had been afflicted with the *King's-Evil* in one of her Feet for several Years; the Bone was foul and carious, and after the Trial of other Methods without Success, was at length sent to *Holt*, for the Benefit of the Waters; by drinking of which, and washing the affected Part therewith, in some Time three or four Splints of the Bone work'd off, and at last she was perfectly cured. Hereof I certify the Truth, this 19th Day of *January*, 17 $\frac{30}{31}$ .

*Hannab Whitehead.*

## NUMB. VII.

**A** Young Gentlewoman from *London*, about seventeen Years of Age, was afflicted with the *King's-Evil* in several Parts of the Body, and particularly in her Elbow, which had in a great measure depriv'd her of

of the Use of her Arms. She came to *Holt* in *August* 1727, where the *Waters* work'd off three Pieces of the Bone, one of which was as big as a Crow's Egg; and at length, after about eighteen Months, heal'd her Wounds, and so strengthened her Arm, that she was able to carry a Weight of fifteen Pounds with Ease.

Witness, *John Earl*, *Priscilla Earl*,  
of *Holt*, with whom she lodged.

### NUMB. VIII.

**A** N N E Boverie, of *Phillips-out-Parish*, near the City of *Bristol*, was forely afflicted with the *King's-Evil* for several Years, to that Degree, that she had a great many Ulcers broke out in several Places, and not capable of standing or walking without the Help of Crutches; but upon applying to the *Holt Waters*, and washing the Ulcers therewith, and drinking the Waters, was within six Months perfectly cured, and  
able



able to perform the Business of a Dairy-Maid.

*Anne Boverie.*

*May 12, 1730.*

Attested by *Hannah Haskins,*  
*Mary Franklin.*

*The Waters were used at Bristol.*

## NUMB. IX.

**I** George Peep, living in *Vine-Street, Bristol*, had a Breaking out all over my Body, Face and Arms, with several Running Wounds, and could find no Relief, till I applied to the *Holt Waters*; and by drinking and bathing with it, received a perfect Cure in six Months. *Note*, my Case was so deplorable, that my Life was much despaired of.

*George Peep, Jun.*

*Bristol, May 14, 1730.*

N. B. *The Case of this young Man when he was first brought to Holt, was very deplorable; the Humour had seiz'd him from Head to Foot, so that he was almost one continued Sore; and*  
*it*

it had weakned him to that Degree, that he could neither walk or stand upon his Feet, insomuch that the Keeper of the Wells had scarce Courage enough to undertake the Cure. However, she yielded to the Importunity of his Parents, and took him under her Care, and so diligently plied him with the Water, that in a few Months he was able to walk, run and ride, and in half a Year his Wounds were all heal'd. He grew brisk and active, and his Complexion look'd hale and clean; and he was sent Home perfectly cured. Indeed his Eyes, which were extremely weak, and almost closed up, when he came to Holt, did not recover their Tone quite so soon; but by following the Water some time longer, they were likewise strengthened and heal'd.

## NUMB. X.

**I** Elinor Harding, of Siston, in the County of Gloucester, do Certify, That my Daughter, Mary Harding, was several Years sorely afflicted with the King's-Evil, which broke out in her Face in a violent manner; but  
by

by drinking and washing the Parts with *Holt Waters*, was perfectly cured in four Months.

*Elinor Harding.*

May 9, 1730.

N. B. *The Waters were drank at her Home.*

## NUMB. XI.

**J**AMES Harkness, of the Parish of *Hilfmorton*, in the Stewartry of *Annandale*, within the Shire of *Dumfries*, in Scotland, was sorely afflicted with the *King's-Evil* for many Years, having twenty-two fordid Ulcers in several Parts of his Body, and was perfectly cured by this Water.

Witness, *Grace Harding.*

## NUMB. XII.

**I**Martha Parker, of *Trowbridge*, in the County of *Wilts*, do hereby Certify, That my Daughter, *Martha Parker*, was seiz'd with *St. Anthony's Fire* in her Shoulder, which turn'd to an Evil Humour; that notwithstanding

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ing all the Means us'd to heal it, it still continued upon her, till we applied to the *Mineral Waters* at *Holt*, which, through God's Blessing, in two Months, heal'd her Wounds, and perfectly restor'd her Health, which she has enjoyed to this Time, tho' ten Years since she used the Waters. In Witness whereof, I have set my Hand, *Jan. 25, 1730.*

*Martha Parker.*

*She began to drink the Waters in March, and drank them at Home.*

*Witness, Grace Harding.*

### N U M B. XIII.

**I** *Margaret Wood*, of the Parish of *Clifton*, near the *Hot-Well*, *Bristol*, do Certify, That I was afflicted with the *King's-Evil* for above seven Years, in so desperate a manner, that it broke out all over my Body, Arms and Face; at length I applied myself to the *Holt Waters*, and with washing my Wounds, and drinking it, partly

ly at Home, and partly on the Spot,  
was perfectly cured in five Months.  
Witness my Hand, May the 11th,  
1730.

Margaret Wood.

N U M B. XIV.

**M**R. *Thomas Weare*, a Person of  
very good Account in *Bristol*,  
was long afflicted with a Swelling in  
his Neck, which grew so large, and  
so very troublesome, that he was at  
last advised to have it ripen'd and  
launc'd, which was done accordingly;  
and then it run at such a Rate, as  
exhausted him to the last Degree;  
when a Person who was acquainted  
with the *Holt Waters*, ask'd him, *If*  
*he had never heard of the Cures done*  
*by the Waters at Holt?* Upon this,  
he resolved to try those Waters, and  
went directly to *Holt*, where he found  
such Relief in a short Space of Time,  
by drinking and washing the Parts  
affected, that from a very declining  
and weak Condition, he returned  
Home, as he said, *Perfectly Well*:  
Only he continued the Use of the

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Waters some Time at Home, for the confirming his Health. This was some Time ago, and the Gentleman is now living in a good State of Health, at the Fort in *Bristol*.

N. B. *This was the Gentleman who first advis'd Capt. Gustavus Scot to the Use of these Waters; who, from the Benefit he himself bath receiv'd from them, and the many great Cures he has seen wrought by them, being ever since a constant Visitant at Holt, is a great Advocate for the Waters.*

#### N U M B. XV.

**I** John Hunt, of Hawkeridge, in the Parish of Westbury, Weaver, being afflicted with the *King's-Evil* for about two Years, was perfectly cured, by drinking the *Holt Waters*, and washing with the same, in about three Months Time.

Witness, *John Hunt.*

Feb. 16, 1729.

#### N U M B. XVI.



## NUM B. XVI.

**I** Elizabeth Patten, of Holt, now living near the Mineral Wells, was from my Birth so sorely afflicted with the King's-Evil, as would be offensive to mention the Particulars, having such prodigious Sores as produced vast Quantities of Matter. I was reduced thereby to such extreme Weakness, as there was no Hopes of any Cure; yet by drinking and washing my Wounds with Holt Water, I was perfectly recover'd, and have continued well ever since, being fifteen Years ago. Witness my Hand,

Elizabeth Patten.

Holt, Oct. 25, 1729.

Witness, Grace Harding.

N. B. This was the Case that first rais'd the Reputation of the Wells.  
Vid. pag. 8.

## N U M B. XVII.

**M**Rs. Keate, of *Abington*, had a Scrophulous Humour in her Foot of nine Years standing, and was cured by this Water.

Witness, *Grace Harding*.

## N U M B. XVIII.

**I** Betty Holly, of the Parish of *Chippenham*, in the County of *Wilts*, being from my Infancy afflicted with the *King's-Evil*, by drinking the *Holt Water*, and washing with the same, was perfectly cured. Witness my Hand,

*Betty Holly*.

*Jan. 23, 1729.*

## N U M B. XIX.

**T**HIS is to Certify, That my Sister, *Rebecca Pearse*, of *Broughton-Gifford*, in *Wiltshire*, had about eighteen Months since, the *King's-Evil* in so violent a Degree, that she had  
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seven large running Ulcers in one of her Thighs, of two Years standing, and was perfectly cured by drinking and washing the Sores with *Holt Water*, during the Space of about six Months. Witness my Hand,

*Anne Pearse.*

*Holt, Oct. 25, 1729.*

N U M B. XX.

**J** O H N *Walter*, of *Litton*, in the County of *Somerset*, aged about twenty eight Years, was afflicted with a Swelling in his Knee, and a running Ulcer in his Groin of several Years standing, came to *Holt* in the Month of *October*, and received a perfect Cure in two Months.

Witness, *Grace Harding*, and *John Earl*, of *Holt*, with whom he lodged.

N U M B.

## NUMB. XXI.

*Holt, March 24, 1729.*

**T**HIS is to leave, to inform any that may come to this Place, that my Wife was very much afflicted with an *Ulcerous* and *Scrophulous Humour* in her Leg, for above twenty Years, and is now perfectly cured by this Water; which I and my Wife do Certify by our Hands,

*Avon Cross, Mary Cross, of  
Sherbourn, in the County  
of Dorset.*

*N. B. The above Humour was occasioned by the Bite of a Mad Dog.*

## NUMB. XXII, and XXIII.

**W**E *John and Walter Smith*, Brothers, of the Parish of *Warminster*, in the County of *Wilts*, do hereby Certify, That after our being most miserably afflicted with the *King's-Evil*, insomuch that we broke out in several Parts of our Bodies for above three

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three Years, we applied our selves to the Use of the *Holt Waters* for almost two Summers, and came Home perfectly cured, and sound, and do continue so. Witness our Hands, this 17th of Feb. 1729.

*John Smith,*  
*Walter Smith.*

N. B. *This Certificate came to me Sign'd likewise by Mr. Ed. and Christopher Cockey, of Warminster, as Witnesses.*

NUMB. XXIV.

**I** *Elizabeth Truman, of the Parish of Laycock, in the County of Wilts, near Chippenham, was forely afflicted with the King's-Evil for several Years; but by drinking the Holt Waters, and washing the afflicted Part with them, was perfectly cured in three Months. Witness my Hand, Jan. 23, 1729.*

*Elizabeth Truman.*

## NUMB. XXV.

Feb. 18, 1729.

**I** Sarab Ford, of Hawkeridge, in the Parish of Westbury, in the County of Wilts, after having been violently bad of the *King's-Evil* for three Years, applied myself to the Use of the *Holt Waters*, and was perfectly Sound in six Months.

Sarab Ford.

## NUMB. XXVI.

Malmsbury, Oct. 4, 1724.

Mrs. Harding,

**I** Thank God that I have the Satisfaction of acquainting you, and all Persons that may enquire, that my Daughter, Alice Williams, is perfectly cured of the several Wounds in her Hand, Arms, Side, and Foot, (by God's Blessing) and the Means of your Well-Water, altho' of long standing.

Your humble Servant,

Henry Williams.

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This is the Copy of a Letter sent  
Mrs. *Grace Harding*, the Keeper of  
the Wells.

N U M B. XXVII.

*Feb. 18, 1729.*

**I** *Thomas Bartley*, of the Parish of  
*North-Bradley*, in the County of  
*Wilts*, do Certify, That my Sister,  
*Jane Bartley*, of the Parish aforesaid,  
was two Years afflicted with the *King's-  
Evil*, and by making use of the *Holt  
Waters*, was perfectly healed in six  
Months. Witness my Hand,

*Thomas Bartley.*

N U M B. XXVIII.

*Aug. 22, 1730.*

Madam,

**I** Came safe to - - - - - where I found  
all Friends well, and greatly sur-  
priz'd to see the good Effect of the  
*Waters*. Since I left *Holt*, I have  
mended every Day so fast, that you  
would think it impossible : I have now

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*no more than two Wounds ; they are in my Legs, and will heal very soon. My Physician approves mightily of the Waters, and tells me there is nothing in the World could do me more Good, and desires me not to neglect drinking them in the Fall and Spring, at farthest.*

N. B. The above, is Part of a Letter to Mrs. Mitchel, of Holt, from a Person who was at Holt seven Weeks ; and when first came, had many Wounds, besides being broke out in many Parts of the Body.

## NUMB. XXIX.

**T** *Thomas Cater, of Holt, had three putrid, running Ulcers, supposed to be Scrophulous, which stunk so abominably, that his Neighbours could not bear his coming near them, for the noisom Smell. His Circumstances were so mean, that he could not procure any Help from Physicians or Surgeons ; so he applied to this Remedy, which Nature's Hand had provided, and in some Time it cleans'd and heal'd his Wounds, and restor'd him to a sound*  
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and healthy Constitution. After this, he married, and had several Children, who were maintained by his Labour.

Witness, *Grace Harding.*

*This Case I receiv'd from the Reverend Mr. Lewis of Holt.*

### NUMB. XXX.

A Child about seven Years of Age, had several Wounds in her Legs, supposed to be *Scrophulous*, which her Parents had endeavoured to get cured by Surgery and Physick, but in vain; whereupon she was brought to *Holt*, and by a diligent Use and Application of the Water, her Sores were all heal'd in about six Weeks.

*The Truth of this is attested by Grace Sartain, of Holt, with whom she lodged.*

### NUMB. XXXI.

CHarity Fowles, of *Litton*, near *Wells*, in *Somerſetſhire*, about fourteen Years of Age, had a *ſcrophulous* Hu-  
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mour in her Eyes and Neck, and under the lower Jaws, where it had corroded the Glands, and made several Wounds, and had been upon her for four Years, till coming to *Holt*, Anno 1729, she was heal'd of her Wounds by the sole Use of the Waters, in about six Months.

Witness, *Anne Sartain*, of *Holt*,  
Widow, with whom she lodged.

### N U M B. XXXII.

**W**illiam Harding, a young Lad, of *Iron-Acton*, in *Gloucestershire*, had a grievous Swelling in his Lips, where a *scrophulous* Humour had infected the Glands, and seem'd to threaten an Ulceration; but upon applying to the *Holt Waters*, he was quickly reliev'd, and in ten Weeks Time was perfectly cured.

Witness, *John Maynard*, of *Holt*,  
with whom he lodged.

## NUMB. XXXIII.

A Woman of *Frampton-Cotterel*, in the County of *Gloucester*, about twenty five Years of Age, came to *Holt* about three Years ago in a lamentable Condition, with very large *scrophulous Wounds* in her Head and Neck: She had laboured under the Affliction for five Years, and could find no Remedy, till applying herself to the *Holt Waters*, she was perfectly cured by them, and her Wounds heal'd in about eleven Weeks. The Truth hereof is attested by

*Grace Harding*, Keeper of the Wells; and *Francis Maynard*, of *Holt*.

## NUMB. XXXIV.

A Young Woman about twenty-five Years of Age, had the *King's-Evil* in her Leg, just above the Ankle, and in one of her Toes, for four or five Years; to remedy which, after she had tried many other

Means, to no Purpose, she had recourse to the *Holt Waters*, which she drank at Home for some Time ; and then coming to *Holt*, made use of it about six Months, and went away perfectly cured.

Witness, *Elizabeth Pretty*, of *Holt*, with whom she lodged.

### NUM B. XXXV.

**I** *Richard Broad*, of *Winsley*, in the Parish of *Bradford*, in the County of *Wilts*, do hereby Certify, That my Daughter had been afflicted with the *King's-Evil* in her Neck and Thighs for two Years, and was thoroughly cured by the *Holt Waters* in one Quarter of a Year, which she began to drink about *Michaelmas*, and drank them at Home.

Witness my Hand, this 26th Day of *Jan. An. Dom.* 17<sup>30</sup>/<sub>31</sub>.

*Richard Broad,*



## NUM B. XXXVI.

**T** *Thomas* . . . ., Servant to Sir *William Codrington*, Bart. having an old Ulcer in his Leg of many Years standing, came to *Holt* in *April* 1730, and received a perfect Cure in six Weeks.

Witness, *William Mole*, of *Holt*,  
with whom he lodged.

## NUM B. XXXVII.

*Holt*, Oct. 26, 1730.

**W** *Illiam Hill* was sent down to *Holt* in *March* last, by the Recommendation of *Dr. Barraby*, he being at that Time Servant to the *Lady Hicks*, at *London*. He was, when sent down, afflicted with a Leprosy, having a white Scurf all over his Head, Breast, Arms and Legs; but is this Day returning to *London*, perfectly well, and clear from any Scurf: Which great Cure, under God, is intirely owing to the *Holt Waters*,

(particularly that from the *Great Nose-Pump*.) He hopes this publick Notice may be of Service to others, and humbly desires the *Lady Hicks*, and *Dr. Barraby*, to accept of his publick Thanks for their Favour. Witness my Hand,

*William Hill.*

NUMB. XXXVIII.

A Child of *Edward Edwins*, of the *Devizes*, in the County of *Wilts*, was cured of a *Leprosy* by this Water.

Witness, *Grace Harding*.

NUMB. XXXIX.

JOHN Bricker, Son of *John Bricker*, late of *Corsbam*, in the County of *Wilts*, Certifies, That his said Father was afflicted with a *Leprosy* for several Years; but, after he drank the *Mineral Waters* at *Holt*, and washed therewith, the Humours ceased. Witness my Hand, this 11th Day of November, 1729.

*John Bricker.*

## NUMB. XL.

**I** *Jane Stevens*, of *Holt*, was broke out all over my Body in large Patches, which rose to a white Scurf; under which, the Flesh appear'd very red and angry, and was so exceedingly troublesome by its burning, smarting and itching, that I was very much depriv'd of Sleep, but was intirely cured in a few Months by *Holt Waters*.

Witness, *Jane Stevens*.

## NUMB. XLI.

**A** Gentlewoman in *Wiltshire*, came to *Holt*, with a Leprosy all over her Face; but by drinking and washing with the *Holt Waters*, was perfectly cured in five Weeks.

*This from Captain Gustavus Scot, who lodged in the same House.*

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## NUMB. XLII.

**A** Young Gentleman affected with an Hereditary Leprosy, which appear'd all over him in Blotches, of the Bigness of Half-a-Crown, cover'd with a brownish Scurf, went to *Holt*, and, by drinking the Waters there, in two Months went away perfectly cured.

*This I had from George Penraddock, of Broad-Chalk, Wilts, Esq;*

## NUMB. XLIII.

*Sarum, Nov. 23, 1730.*

**E** *Essex Albert*, Son of the Reverend Mr. *Albert*, late Vicar of *Sarum*, had a white Scurf, which came over his Arms, Legs and Face in so violent a Degree, that he was for three Weeks blind with it; but was cured this last Summer by drinking the *Holt Waters*.

Witness, *Essex Albert*.

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NUM B. XLIV.

A Young Woman, aged about twenty - one Years, living at *Winchester*, was afflicted with a *Leprosy* all over her Body, which not yielding to other Methods of Relief, she was sent to *Holt*, where, by the sole Use of the Waters, she was intirely freed from that unhappy Malady, being perfectly cured in about seventeen Weeks.

Witness, *Grace Harding*, Keeper of the Wells, and *Francis Maynard*, of *Holt*.

NUM B. XLV.

ANNE Orchard, of the *Devizes*, in the County of *Wilts*, about fifteen Years of Age, had a *Leprosy* from her Birth, over her whole Body, her Bed every Morning being cover'd with *Leprous Scales*, and could find no Cure till she came to *Holt*, where she soon found Relief, and was heal'd of her Distemper in six Months.

Witness, *John Earl*, *Priscilla Earl*, of *Holt*.

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## NUMB. XLVI.

**N**otwithstanding it is a conceiv'd  
 Opinion that *Cancers* are incur-  
 rable, yet the following Evidence can't  
 but convince, that these *Waters* have  
 effected Cures, (tho' perhaps a perfect  
 Cure is not always to be depended on  
 in this Particular) as is the Case of  
 Mrs. *Confett*, who lodges at Mrs. *Bur-*  
*ley's*, a *Sword-Cutler*, near *Grays-Inn-*  
*Gate*, in *Holborn*, and has had for several  
 Years, a *Cancer* in her Breast; and  
 being advised to the Use of the *Holt-*  
*Waters*, she has receiv'd great Benefit  
 from them: For they have, in great  
 measure, ever since *August*, 1728,  
 prevented the Progress of the Hu-  
 mour, and have afforded her much  
 Ease, she being now sensible of an  
 additional Pain, if the *Waters* be not  
 constantly applied; and they have en-  
 tirely carry'd off a Heat in her Blood,  
 to which she was subject, when she  
 began to drink these *Waters*. And  
 it may reasonably be suppos'd, that  
 she would have found greater Benefit,  
 (notwithstanding the Disadvantage of  
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an advanc'd Age) if not an entire Cure, could she have been prevail'd on to have drank the usual Quantity, or a larger Quantity, by reducing part of it by Evaporation; instead of which, she has never drank more than One Half of the prescrib'd Quantity, viz. a Pint and a Half a Day.

I likewise knew another Case, of a Lady that was very near her End, from a Cancerous Breast, yet found great Ease from the Use of these *Waters*, tho' applied too late, to hope for further Benefit.

Another Instance of the like Nature, may be found, *fol.* 45, mention'd by the Reverend Mr. Lewis, of Holt.

N. B. Both these Persons drank the *Waters* in London.

## NUMB. XLVII.

**I** Jane White, of Hanham, in the Parish of Bitton, in the County of Gloucester, do Certify, That I had a  
Cancer



*Cancer* in my Breast, which broke in several Places, and could find no Relief; at length I applied myself to drink, and wash the Wounds with *Holt Water*, which perfectly cured me in about two Months, and I continue perfectly well, it being six Years since. Witness my Hand,

*Jane White.*

April 17, 1730.

## N U M B. XLVIII.

**A** NNE Powel, of Bradford, in the County of *Wilts*, about seven or eight Years ago, was troubled with a sore Breast; it was, in the Opinion of the Physicians, a *Cancerous Humour*, that came with a hard Bunch, supposed to be the Effects of a Cold: By the Advice of Doctors, she made several Applications to it; the Swelling broke in ten Weeks Time; after which, it continued running very much; but, upon drinking the *Holt Waters*, and applying a wet Cloth dipp'd in them, she found amazing Relief in twenty-four Hours, and

and was in a few Days perfectly recovered. Witness my Hand,

*Anne Powel.*

N.B. *The Waters were used at Home.*

# NUMB. XLIX.

**C**atharine Berryman, of Bisly, in the County of Gloucester, having had a very sore Breast for two Years, which she apprehended to proceed from a *Cancerous Humour*, received a great Benefit from the *Holt Waters*, her Breast being perfectly heal'd in about six Weeks. Witness,

*Catharine Berryman.*

Witness, *Grace Harding.*

# NUMB. L.

**A** Young Woman, between twenty and thirty Years of Age, came to *Holt* with an *incipient Cancer* in her Breast; the *Cancerous Node* was as large as a Pullet's Egg, and to the Feeling, hard, like a Bone, and

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gave her from Time to Time sharp pricking Pains, as if pierced by Needles; but by drinking the *Holt Waters*, and often bathing her Breast with it warm, and gently rubbing it with her Hand on the diseased Part, the hard Lump soon began to lessen; and by the continued Use and Application of the Water, at length intirely disappear'd.

*This Case I had from the Reverend Mr. Lewis.*

## NUMB. LI.

A Young Gentleman from *London*, about eighteen Years of Age, came to *Holt* with an *Ozana* in his Nose, supposed to be Cancerous, in which the *Mucus* being corrosive, had damaged the Arches of the Nostrils, but had not seiz'd the upper Cartilage; his Face look'd fiery about the Cheeks and Eyes, emitting sometimes a briny Humour, and at other times cover'd with Scales. It had been upon him eight Years, and his Friends had, with great Expence, tried many other

other Methods of Cure, without Success, till they had sent him to *Holt*, where the Waters made a perfect Cure upon him.

*This Case I had from the Reverend Mr. Lewis.*

## NUMB. LII.

A Young Man from *Bristol*, about sixteen Years of Age, came to *Holt* with a *Cancerous Humour* in his Lips and Mouth, which were almost closed up with it; he diligently set himself to the Use of the Waters, applying outwardly Cloths dipp'd therein; and often renewing them, and continually from Time to Time sipping small Draughts of the Water, till in a short Time he found Relief, and in a few Months a perfect Cure.

*This I had from the Reverend Mr. Lewis.*

NUMB. LIII.

**E** *Lizabeth Roberts*, of *Kings-Wood*, near *Bristol*, was afflicted with the *Scurvy* three Years, and was perfectly cured by this Water.

Witness, *Grace Harding*.

N. B. *The Waters were used at Home.*

NUMB. LIV.

**T** *Thomas Elliot*, of *Turly*, in the County of *Wilts*, was cured of the *Scurvy* by this Water.

Witness, *Grace Harding*.

NUMB. LV.

**T** *HIS* is to Certify, That *Mrs. Grantham*, Inhabitant of the City of *Winchester*, in the Parish of *St. Thomas*, being greatly afflicted with the *Scurvy*, has received much Benefit by drinking the *Holt Waters*; whereas, after several Years Trial, she

she could receive no such Cure from  
Physick. In Testimony whereof, we  
subscribe our Names,

*William Jefferies, Rector of  
St. Thomas, in Winchester.-  
John Pardue, Church-War-  
den.*

# NUMB. LVI.

**A** Child about five Years of Age,  
much afflicted with a Scorbutick  
Humour over his whole Body, which  
had been upon him from his Infancy,  
being supposed to arrive from a dis-  
tempered Nurse, was perfectly heal'd  
by drinking and washing with the  
*Holt Waters*, in about three Months.

Witness, *Grace Sartain,*  
*of Holt.*

# NUMB. LVII.

**A** NNE Stanbrook, of *Melksham*,  
near *Holt*, now living at *Devizes*,  
aged about thirty, was grievously af-  
flicted with the *Scurvy* all over her

Head and Face, where it had seiz'd her Eyes, and much weakned her Sight. She came to *Holt*, and drank and washed with the Waters about five Months, and went away perfectly cured, and continues free from the Illness which brought her hither.

Witness, *John Earl*, and  
*Priscilla Earl*, of *Holt*.

NUMB. LVIII.

A Young Gentlewoman of *London*, about eighteen Years of Age, was afflicted with a *Scorbutic Humour* all over her Hands, and some Part of her Body, came to *Holt* in *January* about four Years ago, and by drinking and washing with the Water, was cured in about nine Months.

Witness, *Elizabeth Sparkes*, of  
*Holt*, with whom she lodged.

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## N U M B. LIX.

**A** Gentlewoman between twenty and thirty Years of Age, being severely afflicted with the *Scurvy* all over her Body, came to *Holt* for the Benefit of the Waters, in *April* 1727, and received a perfect Cure in five Months.

Witness, *Elizabeth Sparkes*,  
of *Holt*.

## N U M B. LX.

**I** Daniel Rolf, Blacksmith, of the Parish of *Larkington*, near *Badmington*, in the County of *Wilts*, was afflicted with a violent Humour, which eat up all my Skin from the Hip, to the Top of my Toes. I was as raw as a flea'd Sheep; I drank and wash'd myself with the *Holt Waters*, which made me whole in three Weeks, and perfect in seven.

Oct. 2, 1724.

*Daniel Rolf.*

N. B. This Man, who was about fifty Years of Age, had been afflicted with

with that sharp, corrosive Humour, which strip'd him of his Skin for above a Year and a half before he came to Holt; nor could he by all the Methods of Surgery or Physick, recover a new Skin on his Thighs, Legs and Feet. He tried the Bath to no Purpose, and when he came to Holt, the Waters at first seem'd to make him worse, and he was so much disorder'd by them, that he began to despair of finding Relief here; but being encourag'd to go on, by hearing that the Waters did often disorder such as had any violent, sharp Humours in their Blood, before it cured 'em, he persisted in the Use of it, and, within a Month, had a new Skin from his Hip downwards; and in less than two Months, set the Bells a ringing for Joy that he was perfectly whole.

Witness, Grace Harding.

# NUM B. LXI.

**I**N the Year 1729, May 3. a young Man about thirty Years of Age, came to Holt, recommended to the Waters by a Physician at the Bath. He

He had an exceeding sharp Humour in his Blood, which on a sudden would arise in Blisters on his Skin, about the Bigness of a Pea, and increase, and fill in a few Hours, to the Largeness of an Egg; and then being discharged, the Place became raw, sore, and very painful. Ten, and sometimes more of these Blisters, would arise in twenty-four Hours, and the Distress it brought him under was so great, and his Pains so violent, before he came to *Holt*, that he often wish'd Death might give him a Discharge, despairing of any Relief by Human Means, having been twice Salivated without any Benefit; but applying to these Waters, they quickly destroy'd the Acrimony of the Humours, and freed him from this terrible Complaint in seventeen Weeks. The Truth of this is attested by

*Jeremiah Godwyn, and Priscilla Godwyn, with whom he lodged.*

*This I received from the Reverend Mr. Lewis.*

N U M B.

## NUMB. LXII.

A Clergyman, whom I met at *Holt*, in *November* last, in Company with *Edward Lisle* of *Moyles-Court*, Esq; and the Reverend Mr. *Lewis* of *Holt*, assured me, that his Wife having had a violent Humour in her Face, was perfectly cured by these Waters, and that her chief Method of drinking the Waters, was by making her Tea with them.

*Drank at Home.*

## NUMB. LXIII.

ANNE Armstrong, in *Bull-Yard*, *Windmil-Street*, had her Hands and Arms cover'd by small Blisters, which had rose in great Quantities, and occasion'd, as was the Opinion of Sir *John Shadwell*, M.D. (by whom she was recommended to me, as an Object of Charity) by a Surfeit in the Blood, was cured by six Bottles of the *Holt Waters*, taking Assistant Medicines with them.

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N. B. The Water was drank in  
London, from *Harris's Well*.

# NUMB. LXIV.

**A** Gentleman who was much troubl'd  
with large Pimples on his Face,  
which often became white-headed, was  
cured by the *Holt Waters*.

*This was the Case of an Acquaintance  
of my own, who drank the Waters in  
London, from the New Well.*

# NUMB. LXV.

**A** Gentleman between thirty and  
forty Years of Age, afflicted  
with a sharp Humour in his Face,  
which look'd red and fiery, and was  
cover'd with Scales, was cured by the  
*Holt Waters* in about three Months.

Witness, *Mary Kendal,*  
of *Holt*.

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## NUMB. LXVI.

*Mrs. Harding,*

**I** Sent last Summer one of the best Friends I had, to Holt; he came a Journey of above fourscore Miles: His Illness was the Piles, of which he was very near Death last Year; and finding a Tendency to them again, came to your Waters, which has done him vast Good. I never saw him better in my Life.

N. B. This is a Paragraph of a Letter to *Mrs. Harding*, the Keeper of the Wells.

## NUMB. LXVII.

**A** Certain Person who had been sorely afflicted with the Piles for several Years, came to Holt, and drank the Waters one Summer, was perfectly cured, and has continued well ever since, which is some Years.

N. B. The Name of this Person, and some others, are designedly conceal'd; I not having their Consent for making them publick.

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NUMB. LXVIII, and LXIX.

**I** *John Earle*, of *Holt*, being troubled with *Piles* three Years, to such a Degree that I was uneasy even in my Bed, but being advised to drink the *Holt Waters* by a Gentleman that had received great Benefit in the like Case, was perfectly cured in six Weeks. Witness my Hand,

*John Earle.*

NUMB. LXX.

**I** *Andrew Beverstock*, of *Holt*, being much afflicted with the *Piles*, was cured by the *Holt Water* in a Fortnight, from the *Great-Nose-Pump*. Witness my Hand this 25th of Jan. 17 $\frac{30}{31}$ .

*Andrew Beverstock.*

NUMB. LXXI.

**I** *Edward Hathway*, in the Parish of *Puckle-Church*, in the County of *Gloucester*, do Certify, That my Son, *Robert Hathway*, being afflicted with

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an Inflammation in his Eyes for near twelve Years, so that he despair'd of his Sight, did, upon Application to the *Holt Water*, within three Months, receive a perfect Cure.

*Edward Hathway.*

*May 9, 1730.*

### N U M B. LXXII.

**H**enry Greenaway, of Broad-Hinton, in the County of *Wilts*, had been troubled with sore Eyes eleven Years, and was cured by this Water in six Months.

Witness, *Grace Harding.*

### N U M B. LXXIII.

**I** George Gould, Sen. of the Parish of *Chippenham*, in the County of *Wilts*, had a most fiery hot Inflammation over all my Face, which at length settled in my Nose; but by washing my Nose with the *Holt Waters*, and drinking it for some time at Home, I was perfectly cured, and am free from the least

least Appearance of it. Witness my  
Hand, Jan. 23, 1729.

George Gould.

NUMB. LXXIV, and LXXV.

**I** John Barrat, living in Peter-Street,  
Bristol, do hereby Certify, That  
having two Children very much af-  
flicted with *Sore Eyes*, caused by a  
sharp *Rheum*, I was advised to make  
use of the *Holt Waters*, by washing  
their Eyes with it, and, to my great  
Satisfaction, it has perfectly recovered  
them, and in a very short Time.  
And, to do Justice to the said Wa-  
ters, and recommend the Use of them  
to any Person who is diseased in the  
same manner, I give this under my  
Hand, this 29th Day of *January*,  
A. D. 1730.

John Barrat.

*The above Certificate is an Instance  
of Generosity, as well as Justice to the  
Holt Waters, Mr. Barrat being con-  
cerned in the New Springs at Bristol.*

N. B. *These Waters were used at  
Bristol.*

## NUMB. LXXVI.

**I** *John Weston*, of *Chippenham*, in the County of *Wilts*, do Testify, That my Daughter, *Anne Weston*, of the Parish and County above-mentioned, was sorely afflicted with a fiery, hot Humour, which no Medicines could stop; at length, being advised to wash with, and drink the *Holt Waters*, she was perfectly cured by the same. Witness my Hand,

*John Weston.*

*Jan. 23, 1729.*

## NUMB. LXXVII.

**S** *Amuel Pill*, near *St. Peter's Pump*, in the City of *Bristol*, had lately a violent Humour in both his Eyes, which occasioned his being for some time almost blind; but, upon drinking, and applying *Holt Water* to his Eyes, he was perfectly cured in about a Week's Time. Witness my Hand, this Tenth Day of *March*, 1729.

*Samuel Pill.*

*The Water was drank at Bristol.*

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## NUM B. LXXVIII.

**I** *Elizabeth Plane*, Glazier, near the *Pitbay-Gate*, in the City of *Bristol*, do hereby Certify, That having a Sore Eye, which was judged to be a *Fistula*, wash'd my Eye with *Holt Water*, and in a Fortnight's Time was perfectly cured.

*Elizabeth Plane.*

*Bristol, March 12, 1729.*

*The Water was used at Bristol.*

## NUM B. LXXIX.

**A** Lady of Noble Birth, being in an advanc'd Age, was severely punish'd with Sore Eyes, the *Mucus* excreted from the Ciliary Glands being so plentiful and glutinous, that at Night her Eyes were sealed up with it, and it cost a good deal of Time and Trouble every Morning to get them open. She applied, on this Occasion, to a Physician of good Skill and Judgment, who, after the Trial of other Methods, to no Pur-

pose, directed her to the Use of the *Holt Water*, which effected the Cure.

*This I received from the Reverend Mr. Lewis.*

### NUMB. LXXX.

**A** Child, about three Years of Age, living at *Trowbridge*, in the County of *Wilts*, was sent to *Holt*, with a violent Humour settled in her Eyes, which had almost depriv'd her of Sight, and was cured in six Weeks.

Witness, *John Earl*, of *Holt*.

### NUMB. LXXXI.

**I** *William Evens*, of *Abington*, in the County of *Berks*, was for several Years afflicted with a Sore Leg, occasioned by a Sprain, in so desperate a manner, that I could find no Relief; at length I applied myself to the *Holt Waters*, and by drinking and washing with the same for about eight Months, was perfectly cured. Witness my Hand,

Feb. 20, 17<sup>29</sup>/<sub>30</sub>.

*William Evens.*

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NUM B. LXXXII.

**I** John Barnet, Sadler, near the *Pithay-Gate*, in the City of *Bristol*, do hereby Testify, That having a very bad Sore Leg, with a great Inflammation, which occasioned full thirty running Wounds, was, by drinking the *Holt Waters*, and washing the Wounds with the same, perfectly cured in about three Months. Witness my Hand,

*John Barnet.*

*May 12, 1729.*

N. B. *He drank it at Bristol.*

NUM B. LXXXIII.

**T**HIS is to Certify, That I *Margaret Moon*, of the Parish of *Melksham*, in the County of *Wilts*, after being some Time sorely afflicted with an Ulcer in my Leg, by drinking the *Holt Water*, and bathing my Leg with the same, I was perfectly cured.

Witness, *Margaret Moon.*

*March 30, 1730.*

NUM B.

N U M B. LXXXIV.

**G** *Race Pockeridge*, of *Road*, in the County of *Somerset*, was cured of an Old Ulcer in her Leg, of twenty-six Years standing, by this Water.

Witness, *Grace Harding*.

N U M B. LXXXV.

**G** *Race May*, of *Warley*, near *Bath*, was cured of an Old Ulcer in her Leg by this Water.

Witness, *Grace Harding*.

N. B. *The Waters were drank at Home.*

N U M B. LXXXVI.

**I** *Henry Jones*, of *Bristol*, do hereby Testify, That my Son was severely afflicted with a Sore Leg, and running Sores all over his Body ; his Leg was so extreme bad, it must have been Cut off, but by applying *Holt Water* to the



the Wounds, and drinking the same,  
was perfectly cured in twelve Months.  
Witness my Hand this 12th Day of  
*March, 1729.*

*Henry Jones, Basket-Maker,  
in the Pithay-Gate.*

*It was drank at Bristol.*

N U M B. LXXXVII.

**J** O H N May, of *Warley, near Bath,*  
was cured of Sore Legs by this  
Water.

Witness, *Grace Harding.*

*The Water was used at Home.*

N U M B. LXXXVIII.

**T** H E Wife of *Benjamin Stevens,*  
of *Trowbridge, in the County of*  
*Wilts,* was cured by this Water of an  
Old Ulcer.

Witness, *Grace Harding.*

N U M B.

## N U M B. LXXXIX.

**M**ARY Amor, of Bromham, in the County of *Wilts*, was cured of Sore Legs by this Water.

Witness, *Grace Harding*.

N. B. *The Waters were drank at Home.*

## N U M B. XC.

**M**RS. Elizabeth Orchard, of *Devizes*, was cured of two Ulcers in her Legs, of several Years standing, by this Water.

## N U M B. XCI.

**E**LIZABETH Ashman, of *North-Bradley*, in the County of *Wilts*, was cured of a large, foul Ulcer upon her Ankle, of eight Years standing, by this Water.

## N U M B. XCII.

**R**ICHARD Cole, of *Spaxton*, in the County of *Somerset*, was cured of five large Ulcers in his Legs, of almost

almost four Years standing, by this Water.

N. B. *These three last Cases were published, and attested by Mr. Harris, Apothecary, of Bradford; and the Cures were performed by the Well, commonly call'd Harris's Well.*

### N U M B. XCIII.

**A** Servant of *Thomas Archer*, of *Hele*, Esq; Groom-Porter, was cured of a Sore Leg of long Continuance, in a few Weeks, by the *Holt Waters*, last Summer, 1730.

### N U M B. XCIV.

**A** Clergyman, who had sore Legs, and had drank *Mineral Waters* for twenty-one Years, without any considerable Benefit, was perfectly cured in six Weeks by the *Holt Waters*, this last Summer, 1730.

*This I received from Mrs. Mitchel of Holt, and several others, to whom he acknowledged the Cure.*

N U M B.

## N U M B. XCV.

**T** *Thomas Hyett, of Trowbridge, near Holt, Plumber, had a Sore Leg for eight Years, which could not be heal'd by any outward Application; but after having made Use of Holt Water for some Time, standing about two or three Hours in the New-Well, in order to solder the Pump, the Plaister fell off the next Day, and the Wound was perfectly heal'd.*

*Witness, Thomas Sartain, of Holt.*

## N U M B. XCVI.

**M** *ARY Fudge, of Crockham-Pill, below Bristol, about fifty Years of Age, had an Ulcer for many Years in her Ankle, upon the Joint, supposed to owe its Rise to the Itch not well cured, came to Holt in the Month of August, and having made use of the Waters about ten Months, went away perfectly cured.*

*Witness, Francis Earl, of Holt.*

N U M B.

## NUMB. XCVII.

**A** Certain Gentleman, who desires his Name may be conceal'd, had for two Years a stubborn Gleet, which nothing could stop, till he was advised to drink the *Holt Waters*, from which he found immediate Benefit, and was perfectly cured in five Weeks. This was effected by the *Water* from the *New Well*.

N. B. *The Waters were drank in London: The Truth of this I can attest, the Person being my particular Acquaintance. I likewise know several other Instances of the like Nature; but Names in these Cases are not to be expected.*

## NUMB. XCVIII, and XCIX.

**A** Captain of a Ship, living at *Bristol*, was cured of a *Fistula in Ano*, after three times Cutting, by this *Water*.

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The Truth of this Case is attested by Mr. *John Baker*, living at *Bristol*, in *Temple-Street*, who owns that he has likewise receiv'd great Benefit himself by the *Holt Waters*.

*Drank by both Parties at Bristol.*

# NUM B. C.

A Gentlewoman, who had been every Winter troubled with Chilblains, to so great a Degree that she could not walk without much Pain, was perfectly cured by drinking and washing the affected Parts with *Holt Waters*, and has never since been troubled with them to any Degree.

*This Case I receiv'd from Mrs. Mitchel, of Holt, the Person being her Acquaintance, and to whom she sent the Water, which was drank at a Distance from Holt.*

## N U M B. C I.

A Child, from *Kington St. Michael's*, in the County of *Wilts*, was, after a Fever, seized with violent Pains in one Side of his Belly, where the Febrile Matter was collected into a large Swelling, which obliged his Friends to apply to a Surgeon for Help. The Tumour being opened, discharged a great Quantity of foul, purulent Matter, and continued running for a long Time, no outward Applications availing to stop it. After many successful Trials of other Means, they made use of *Holt Water*, which, in a short Time, cleansed and healed the Wound, and safely effected the Cure. This was done by the *Great Nose-Pump*.

Witness, *Grace Harding*.

*This I had from the Reverend Mr. Lewis.*



## NUMB. CII.

**I** *Mary Jordan*, of *Holt*, was troubled with a grievous Running Ulcer in one of my Legs, which came upon me after a Fever, and continued several Years, and I could find no Cure from any outward Applications, till having Recourse to the Waters at *Holt*, I found Relief, and was in some Time perfectly well. Witness my Hand this 25th Day of *January*, 17<sup>30</sup>/<sub>31</sub>.

*Mary Jordan.*

## NUMB. CIII.

**A** Gentlewoman between thirty and forty Years of Age, was sorely afflicted with a Scal'd Head, which would yield to no Medical Prescriptions; but having Recourse to these Waters, they, in some Time, clear'd away the white Scurf, and freed her from this unhappy Malady.

*This I receiv'd from the Reverend Mr. Lewis, which is the only Case of those*

*those receiv'd from him, which is not of his own Knowledge; this being communicated to him by a Person of unquestionable Veracity.*

#### NUM B. CIV.

**A** Person in *London*, much afflicted with the *Colick*, after having tried various Medicines to no Purpose, was immediately relieved by the *Holt Waters*, and continues well, being before much subject to it.

*I received this Account from the Reverend Mr. Webster, Curate of St. Dunstan's, Fleet-Street, and the Waters were drank in London.*

#### NUM B. CV.

**T**HE like Case, as the preceding one, I had from -----  
*Alexander, Esq; of Doctors Commons.*

**N. B.** *The Waters were drank in London.*

## NUM B. CVI.

A Person who had suffered much by the Relicts of the *Venereal Disease*, received great Benefit by these Waters.

*This Account I had from the Party.*

## NUM B. CVII.

A *Vis Cottell*, of *Monkton-Farleigh*, in the County of *Wilts*, had a very Sore Leg, swell'd to a prodigious Bigness, which was, in all Appearance, the Effect of a Dropsy; it was very painful, and a continual Humour running from it, which was thought to be incurable; but by two Months drinking the *Holt Waters*, without any other Means, or Application whatsoever, she was perfectly recovered of the Disorder, with all its Symptoms, and her Leg restored to be as sound and strong as ever, and continued so for many Years, to the Day of her Death; which I, her Husband, declare to be a true Account. Witness my Hand,

*John Cottell.*

Witness, *Grace Harding.*

## NUMB. CVIII, and CIX.

**A**N Inhabitant of *Holt*, and his Wife, were both in a most miserable Condition, with a confirm'd and inveterate *Itch*, to that Degree, that they could obtain no Rest, Night or Day ; but were both perfectly cured by drinking and washing with *Holt Waters*.

*The Truth of the above, I have heard attested by several of the Inhabitants of Holt, who have heard him frequently acknowledge it ; particularly by Hannah Harding, to whom he has many times declared it.*

## NUMB. CX.

**W**illiam Baker, of *Farmborough*, in the County of *Somerset*, aged about twenty, being *Hydropical*, and very much swell'd in his Legs and Thighs, came to *Holt* in the Month of *March*, and the *Waters* carried off the *Humours*, and freed

freed him from his Complaints in three Months.

Witness, *Elizabeth Sparks,*  
of *Holt.*

# NUMB. CXI.

**I** *Samuel Allen, of Temple-Street, Bristol,* do hereby Certify, That my Daughter, *Martha Allen,* having taken *Mercury* not well prepared, it had such an ill Effect upon her, that she broke out in Pustules in her Face, especially about her Lips and Eyes, in a very grievous manner, for above a Year; when, applying to the *Holt Waters,* she received a perfect Cure in six Months. Witness my Hand, this 29th of Jan. 17 $\frac{30}{31}$ .

*Samuel Allen.*

# NUMB. CXII.

**I** *James Silby, of Bradford, in the County of Wilts,* was afflicted with the *King's-Evil* in the Pit of my Stomach, to a violent Degree, and could find no Relief, till I applied to the  
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Use of the *Holt Waters*; when, by drinking and washing my Wounds with them, during two Months, I was perfectly cured. Witness my Hand this 24th Day of Feb. 17 $\frac{30}{31}$ .

*James Silby.*

Witness, *Francis Roche*, at the Swan in Troubridge.

N. B. *The Distemper was occasioned by a Bruise, and the Waters were drank at Bradford.*

I presume, these undoubted Evidences of such mighty Cures performed, together with the general good Character these *Waters* have obtained from all that have ever drank of them, will get the Better of all private Resentments, and Affectation of Novelty; and that I shall have the Pleasure of seeing them perfectly Established in Reputation, for the Good of Mankind, and the Benefit of the Proprietor.

I could have given a long List of Cures performed, and Benefit received by

by the Use of these *Waters* in *London*, notwithstanding most of the *Water-Drinkers*, and their Cafes, are unknown to me; but as Persons of Fortune and Estate, have been only able to bear the Expence of drinking them in *London*, I would not presume to mention their Names, contenting myself in observing a few particular Cafes, and pointing out other Cures performed from the Wells, which will sufficiently prove their Efficacy in Town.

And as a farther Proof of these *Waters* keeping and retaining their Virtues when well Cork'd and Seal'd, it may be observed, that most of the Persons mention'd to be cur'd from the Wells, carried the *Water* Home in wooden Casks, and drew it out of the Casks as they had occasion for it. Others, in large Wicker Bottles, which they likewise emptied as their Cafes required.

Left the Patient, on my recommending these *Waters* as stronger when reduced by Evaporation, should think it advisable to drink them altogether so reduced, and no Part raw, I desire  
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it may be observed, that it is only when the Stomach is too weak to receive raw Water, sufficient to conquer the Distemper. That I advise the reducing Part of the prescrib'd Quantity by Evaporation, and then to reserve, at least, a Pint, or rather a Pint and half to be drank raw, in the Afternoon; the reduc'd Quantity being taken in the Morning. And in very obstinate Cases, I would advise, the reducing three Pints to a Pint and half for the Morning Drinking; not failing to drink a Quart, or Pint and half raw in the Afternoon.

And here it may be of Use to publish some curious Reflections on the Boiling these *Waters*, which I received from the Reverend Mr. *Lewis*.

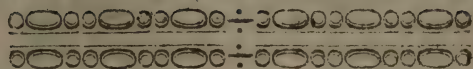
‘ The Method you mention, as  
 ‘ practis’d in Town, of *Boiling* the  
 ‘ Waters, is what I cannot readily  
 ‘ come into. It may do very well  
 ‘ in some Cases, and particularly  
 ‘ where the *Primæ Viæ* want Clean-  
 ‘ sing. But ’tis not good to hurry  
 Things,

Things, especially where the *Crafsis*  
 of the Blood and Humours is to  
 be alter'd. And as *Chronical* Dis-  
 eases grow upon us by Degrees,  
 and gather Strength by little and  
 little, so they are regularly to be  
 carried off in the same manner as  
 they came on, by gradual and gentle  
 Steps. Besides, by the strong Heat  
 in *Boiling*, the *Mineral* Particles are  
 very much encreas'd in their Bulk,  
 and alter'd in their Texture. For,  
 as Nature, which is always the  
 wisest and most perfect Operator,  
 has prepared this *Noble Medicine*;  
 when it comes cold from the Well,  
 the *Mineral* Parts, which are ex-  
 ceeding subtil and fine, swim in the  
 Element, duly mix'd in a just Pro-  
 portion with it, and their *Specific*  
*Gravity* not exceeding That of the  
 Water : But by the Force of the  
 Fire in *Boiling*, they are put into  
 violent Motions, and by their Col-  
 lision, and striking against one ano-  
 ther, do cluster and unite together;  
 and after this Coalition, they be-  
 come visible, and too heavy to  
 swim as before in the Fluid, be-  
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ing seen to subside to the Bottom,  
 as the Water cools. And as the  
*Mineral* Ingredients, which impart  
 a healing Quality to the Waters,  
 are hereby encreas'd in their Size,  
 and alter'd in their Texture, they  
 cannot so easily enter the strait  
 Mouths of the *Lacteals*, or pass  
 the fine Strainers of the *Animal*  
*Machine*; and, consequently, can-  
 not be of that Service to break  
 through the *Glandular* Obstructions,  
 or pursue the *morbific* Humours to  
 their Excretory Outlets. This No-  
 tion is perhaps liable to Objecti-  
 ons, and therefore give me Leave  
 to support it with *Experience*, by  
 assuring you, that most of the  
 Cures hitherto done by this *Mineral*  
*Water*, have been upon such as  
 drank it cold, or at least gently  
 warm'd.



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# APPENDIX.

 HEREAS there were great Complaints made last Summer, by the *Water-Drinkers* at *Holt*, on Occasion of the Foulness of the Water in the *Old Well*, particular Care will be taken for the future, to prevent the like Inconveniencies. The *Old Well* has been already cleans'd, the Foulness of which, was the chief Cause of such Complaints, it not having been cleans'd during ten Years. And in order to prevent a Scarcity of the *Old Well-Water*, which is generally occasioned by the extravagant Wasting of the Water by Servants, a proper Person shall be appointed to receive an Ac-

count from every Gentleman and Lady, of what Quantity of Water they shall require to have Home to their Lodgings in Bottles each Day, and to deliver Tickets every Day for the desired Quantity, *Gratis*.

*Sufficient Care will be taken that the Lodgers at the Great House, may never want Water, in Preference to all other Houses.*

The Report which has been industriously spread, of the several Wells being laid together by Pipes, in such manner as to mix the Waters, and letting in New Springs, is intirely groundless, as will appear by the following Affidavits.

**W**E Grace Harding, Sen. and Hannah Harding, of Holt, in the County of Wilts, make Oath, That there is no Communication made to convey the Water of the several *Mineral Wells* to each other, by Pipes, or any other Artificial Method of Conveyance whatever; nor have there been ever any New Spring, or other Supply  
of

of Water, let into the *Old Well*, by digging, or any other Means, to our Knowledge, or Belief.

*Grace + Harding*, her Mark.  
*Hannah Harding*.

*Jurat' xx<sup>o</sup> die Januarii,*  
*Anno Regni Regis Georgii*  
*Secundi, nunc Mag. Bri-*  
*tanniæ, &c. Annoq; Dom.*  
*1730.*

*Coram me, T. Methuen.*

N. B. *Grace Harding* is the present Keeper of the Wells, who hath had them under her Care ever since *A. D. 1713.* And *Hannah Harding* is her Eldest Daughter.

**J** *Ames Smith*, of *Bradford*, in the County of *Wilts*, Plumber, having been employed by *Mr. Henry Eyre*, in *April, Anno Dom. 1730*, in laying a Pipe of Lead from the *New Pump-House Well* in *Holt*, to the *Old Pump-House*, doth make Oath, That the said

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Pipe



Pipe has no Communication with any other Well, nor conveys any Supply of Water to the *Old Well*, or to any Pump besides its own.

*James Smith.*

*Jurat' primo Die Februarii,  
Anno Regni Georgii Secundi,  
nunc Mag. Britanniae Regis,  
Ec. Quarto, Annoque Dom.  
1730.*

*Coram me, T. Methuen.*

**I** *Thomas Budd, of Bradford, in the County of Wilts, having been employed by Mr. Henry Eyre, in the Month of October last, to cleanse the Old Mineral-Well at Holt, do make Oath, That there appeared to me no Communication with any other Well, nor any Supply of Water, but from the Old Original Spring; nor was I employed to make any other Alteration, than to cleanse it, and pave the Bottom, in order to keep it clean.*  
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The 19th Day of *January*, *A. D.*  
17 $\frac{30}{31}$ .

The Mark T. B. of *Thomas*  
*Budd.*

*Jurat' coram me,*

T. Methuen.

**I** *Jonathan Richmond*, of *Hilperton*,  
in the County of *Wilts*, *Mason*,  
the Person employ'd in making the  
*Mineral Wells* at *Holt*, having this  
Day inspected the Old Well, find no  
Communication has been made from  
any other Well, nor any Supply of  
Water thereto, but from the Original  
Spring ; and hereof I make Oath,  
this nineteenth Day of *January*, *A. D.*  
17 $\frac{30}{31}$ .

The Mark T. of *Jonathan*  
*Richmond.*

*Jurat' coram me,*

T. Methuen.

I *Henry*

London, ff.

**I** Henry Eyre, Master of the *Mineral Wells* at *Holt*, make Oath, That there has been no Communication made between all, or any of the several *Mineral Wells* at *Holt*; nor any New Spring, nor any other Supply of Water, let into any of the said *Mineral Wells*, since they have been under my Management and Direction; nor at any Time before, to my Knowledge, or Belief.

Henry Eyre.

*Furat'* 23<sup>o</sup> Die  
*Martii*, 1730.

*Coram me*, W<sup>m</sup>. Billers.

To these Testimonies, I shall subjoyn the Copy of a Letter from the Reverend Mr. *Lewis* of *Holt*, to a Gentleman in Town, in Answer to some Queries relating to the *Holt Wells*.

S I R,

**Y**ours is with me, and the Receipt of it should have been sooner acknowledged, had not ill Health denied me the Satisf-

*Satisfaction of writing. I am surpriz'd at the Account you give me, of the Report which is current in Town, concerning the Mineral Wells at Holt; nor can I easily conceive whence such a Suspicion should arise, that the Waters of the Old Well are injured by the Mixture of other Waters, supposed by some secret Conveyance to have a Communication with them. I am fully satisfied, and can with Confidence affirm, That such a Surmise is perfectly groundless; and, I hope, you will believe me, when I assure you, that the Wells are all distinct, and have no Communication by subterranean Pipes, or any other Artificial Method, with each other. And in particular, that (I believe) the Old Well has no other Supply, but from the Original Spring; so that its Waters are to be had Pure and Genuine, and are at present very plentiful, and perfectly fine.*

*Not that I do believe the Waters of the Old Well to be so much superior to the other Wells, as is commonly imagined. I am of Opinion, they are pretty much alike in their Virtues and Qualities, and have no such Difference, as*

to justify the extravagant Preference that is given to That Well, beyond the rest. That indeed has been mostly made Use of, and, consequently, hath furnished the greatest Number of Cures; and People who are diseased, do with Reason chuse that Water which has done some Notable Cure, in a Case that resembles their own; by which Means, the other Wells being less used, are out-done by the Old Well in the Number of Cures. I own, when I have Occasion to apply to the Waters, I chuse to drink of the Old Well, if it is to be had; but if that Water fails, as it frequently doth, towards the End of Summer, I make no Scruple of taking my Glass from one of the other Pumps, as being fully persuaded they have a Mineral Virtue in them, perhaps equal, at least, not much inferior, to the Old Well. I am,

SIR,

Your very humble and  
obedient Servant,

Dec. 21, 1730.

J. LEWIS.

By

The several Cures performed by the *New Wells*, viz. Numb. 37, 63, 64, 70, 90, 91, 92, 95, 97, 101, and the several Chymical Experiments that follow, may be enough to take off the Prejudices which have been too industriously rais'd against them for private Ends.

And for the further Satisfaction of the Publick, I have added a Copper-Plate, shewing the Situation and Distance of the several Wells, and in what manner the Pipes are laid, that convey the Water from the several Wells, to their respective Pumps.



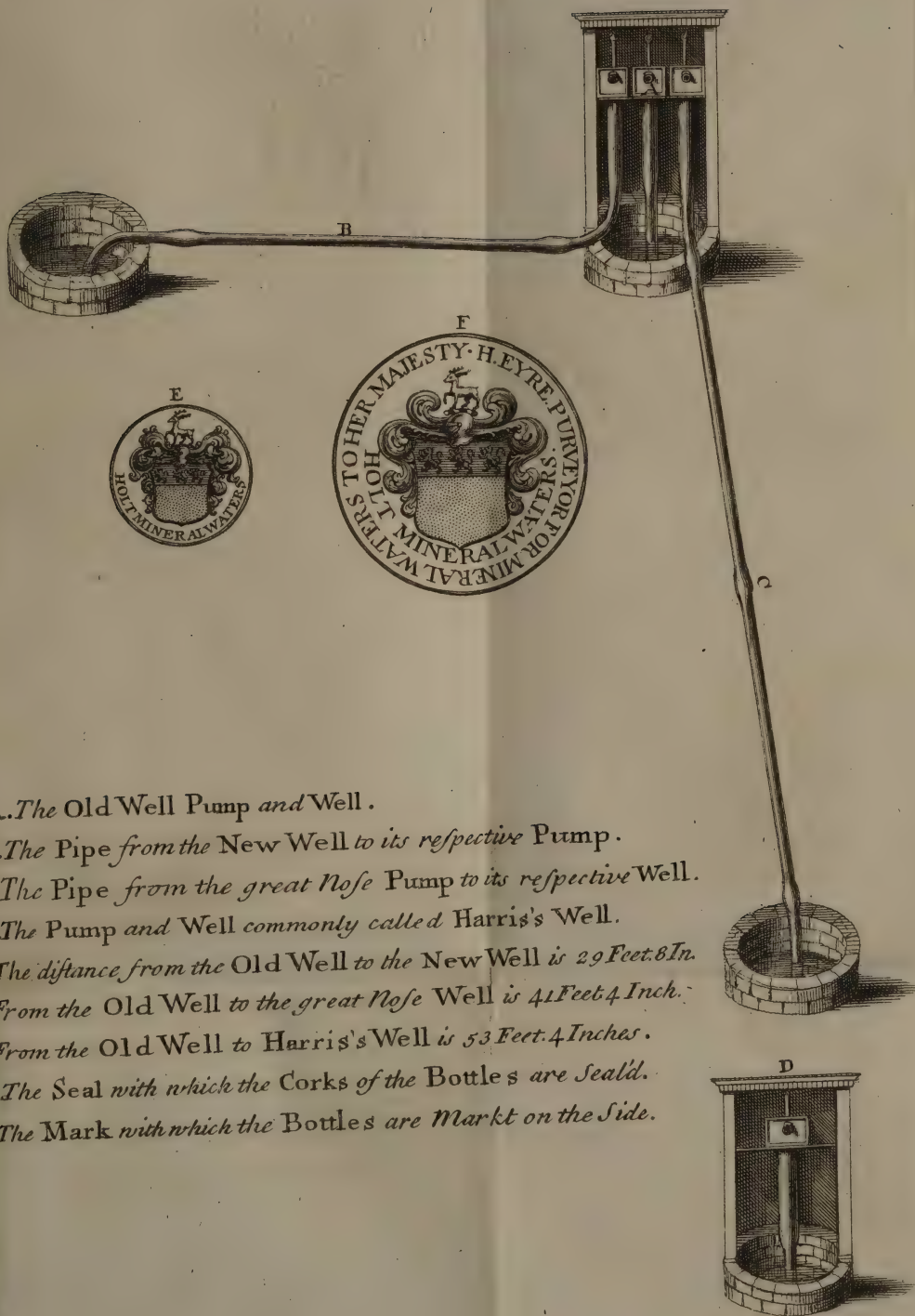
Chymical

# Chymical Experiments on the several Mineral Wells at Holt.

Two Ounces of Holt Mineral Waters, try'd with		Old Well.	New Well.	Great Nose-Well.	Harris's Well.	Common Water
Ten Grains of Sal Absinthii,	Turbid Milky, precipitated a white Curdle.	The same.	The same.	The same.	The same.	Milky, but not curdled.
Ten Drops of Oil of Tartar.	Milky Curdle.	The same.	The same.	The same.	The same.	No Alteration.
Ten Drops of Spirit of Sal Armoniac,	Milky.	The same.	The same.	The same.	The same.	No Alteration.
Ten Drops of Spirit of Urine,	Pearl Colour.	The same.	The same.	The same.	The same.	No Alteration.

The Water of all the above Wells, is likewise of equal Weight, viz. heavier than common Water, by four Grains in two Ounces; and they curdle Milk when boil'd with the Waters.





A. The Old Well Pump and Well.

B. The Pipe from the New Well to its respective Pump.

C. The Pipe from the great Nose Pump to its respective Well.

D. The Pump and Well commonly called Harris's Well.

The distance from the Old Well to the New Well is 29 Feet 8 In.

From the Old Well to the great Nose Well is 41 Feet 4 Inch.

From the Old Well to Harris's Well is 53 Feet 4 Inches.

E. The Seal with which the Corks of the Bottles are Seal'd.

F. The Mark with which the Bottles are Markt on the Side.



In the Year 1720, Mr. *Harris*, Apothecary in *Bradford*, having Possession of one of the *Mineral Wells*, commonly distinguish'd by the Name of *Harris's Well*, published the following Paper, giving an Account of three remarkable Cures performed by the Waters of the said Wells, and promising a printed List of other great Cures wrought by the same. The Paper is as follows :

“ At *Holt*, in the Parish of *Bradford*, is found out another *Purging Mineral Spring*, much stronger than the former (that is, than the *Old Well*.) It has lately cured Mrs. *Elizabeth Orchard*, of *Devizes*, of two Old Ulcers in her Legs, of several Years standing. *Elizabeth Ashley*, of *North-Bradley*, in the County of *Wilts*, of a large foul Ulcer upon her Ankle, of eight Years standing. These three are only mention'd, being People that drank a considerable Time of the other Well, (that is, the *Old Well*,) without any Benefit. The Truth

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“ of the Premises will be attested by  
 “ most of the Inhabitants of *Holt*,  
 “ and *R. Cole*, one of the Persons  
 “ cured.”

But notwithstanding all these Proofs of the several Wells being equally Good ; for the future, no other Water than from the *Old Well*, will be Sold in Bottles by me, or my Agents, unless required from any particular Well, Care being taken to make a sufficient Reserve for that Purpose.

That the Publick may not be imposed upon by other Waters, instead of the *True Holt Waters*, the Bottles are flatted, and marked on the Side, and Sealed with the Arms of *Edward Lisle*, of *Moyles-Court*, in the County of *Hants*, Esq; \* who is the Proprietor of all the *Mineral Wells at Holt*.

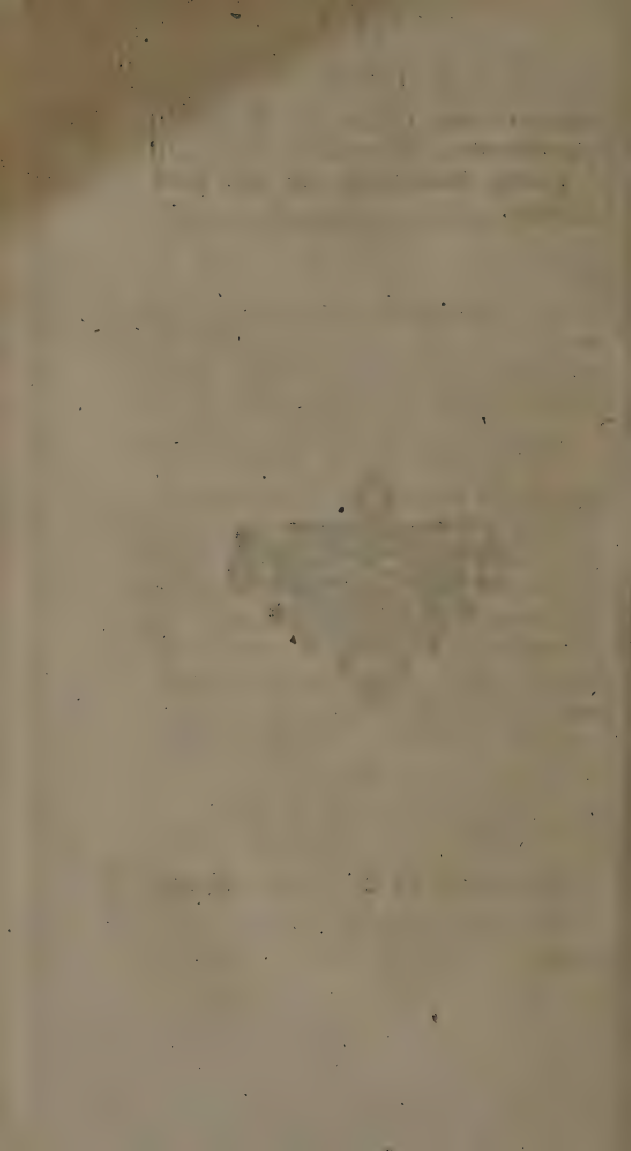
And as a farther Satisfaction, any Person may try the Waters, by

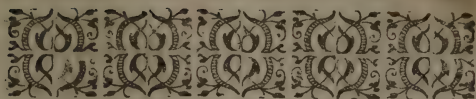
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\* *Vid.* The Copper-Plate.

either, or all, of the Six foregoing Experiments; all which, can't fail of giving Satisfaction to the most Cautious.







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THE Trade of *Mineral Waters* being scattered into many Hands, most of which having but little Demand for them, it has hereby frequently happened, that the Waters were not Fresh and Good, to the great Disappointment of the Physicians who prescribed them, and the Injury of the Patients that drank them. The Consideration of this, and that it would be Business sufficient for any one Person, if duly encouraged, to make the Sale of *Mineral Waters* his only Business, for which End and Purpose, I chose to employ myself intirely in the Sale of *Mineral Waters*, which soon met with great Encouragement from Her Majesty's most gracious Favour, in appointing me *Her Purveyor for*



*Mineral Waters*, and from many of the Eminent Physicians recommending their Patients to my Warehouse.

And as I shall continue to take particular Care to have the *Foreign Waters* as fresh and frequent as the distant Situation of the Places will admit, and particularly, to have the best *Spaw-Water*, I have settled a Correspondence at the Place, to have my Water from the best Spring, which all Dealers are not willing to be at the Expence of, so I shall take the same Caution to have our own *Mineral Waters* fresh and good, viz. those of *Holt, Bath and Bristol*, by Waggon, every *Saturday*, which return from the *Bell-Savage-Inn* on *Ludgate-Hill*, to *Holt, Bath and Bristol*, every *Monday Morning*, by Six o'Clock, and carry Goods or Passengers at Reasonable Rates.

The *True Holt-Waters* are Sold at the following Places, viz. At my Warehouse within *Temple-Bar*.

*Hampstead*, at Mr. *Hardy's*, an Apothecary.

*Oxford*,

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*Oxford*, - by Mr. *Eldridge*, the *Bath* and *Bristol* Carrier.

*Cambridge*, by Mr. *Lardner*, Apothecary.

*Bath*, by Mr. *Wiltshire*, at the *Bear-Inn*.

*Winchester*, by Mr. *Henry Cuel*.

*Southampton*, by Mr. *Campion*, Apothecary.

*Reading*, by Mr. *Heycock*, Apothecary.

*Salisbury*, by Mr. *Stillingfleet*.

*Chichester*, by Mr. *William Hardham*.

N. B. The *Holt Waters* are Sold in BRISTOL, by Mr. *Daniel Pill*, near *St. Peter's Pump*, where any Person may be conveniently supplied, either Wholesale or Retail, to most Parts of *England*.

Such *Holt Waters* as may be Sold at any of the Places above, except by the above-mention'd Persons; are not to be depended on as Genuine.

The Prices of these Waters at each Place, are in Proportion to their Distance from the Wells.

As several Persons have sent Orders from the Country, without ordering

dering immediate Payment, whereby I have lost several small Sums of Money ; Therefore, for the future, no Water will be delivered for the Country, unless Payment be ordered at the same Time ; and when Orders are given in Town, it is desired that the Money be paid at the giving the Order, *I Selling for Ready Money only.*

And for a further Inducement for Persons to buy *Bristol Waters* of me, please to observe the following Caution given by the Masters of the *Bristol Hot Well*, which, doubtless, they had good Reason for publishing, and the Advertisement given by them in my Favour.

And as I am likewise under a considerable Obligation, to Sell no *Bristol Water*, but from Messieurs *Battersby* and *Bishop*, their True Original Spring at the *Holt Wells*, the Virtues of which have been sufficiently experienced, such *True Bristol Water* may the more particularly be depended on from me.

*Whereas,*



**W** Hereas the Publick has of late been much imposed on by false and spurious Waters, instead of the True Bristol Hot Well Water,

yet pretended to be the same, and in order to prevent, in some measure, the like Abuse for the future; We John Battersbee, and William Bishop, Masters of the Bristol Hot Well, do hereby give Notice, That all Bottles of Water Sealed otherwise than according to the Impression here affixed, were never filled at our Spring; and any Person ordering Waters from us, may, if desired, have a Certificate of its Genuineness sent with it, Signed by our own Hands. And it is desired, That such Persons as give Orders to their Friends and Correspondents here, to procure the said Waters for them, would order such a Certificate therewith.

**W** Hereas there has been for a considerable Time past, an Advertisement published in the Daily Journal, Signed by us, tending to dis-

discourage all Persons from buying *Bristol Waters* of Mr. *Henry Eyre*, of *Fleet-Street, London*, This is therefore to inform the Publick, that notwithstanding any former Difference betwixt us and the said Mr. *Eyre*, we have lately agreed to supply him with our *True and Genuine Bristol Water*: And as a further Confirmation that what he shall Sell is such, printed Receipts will be from Time to Time sent him, Signed by our Hands, which may be produced to such as are scrupulous.

*John Battersbe,* } Masters of the  
*William Bishop,* } *Bristol Hot Well.*

That all Persons may depend on their Servants, or Porters coming for *Mineral Waters* to my Warehouse, be pleased to order them to ask for the *List of Mineral Waters I Sell*, which will be delivered *Gratis* to such as require it, and is as follows; and for the further Satisfaction, will be Dated when delivered.

*Mineral*

*Mineral Waters* Sold by *Henry Eyre*,  
Purveyor for *Mineral Waters* to Her  
Majesty, at his Water-Warehouse in  
*Fleet-Street*, near *Temple-Bar* :

*Holt*, at — 10 s. per Doz.

*Bath*, — — 7 s. 6 d. per Doz.

*Ditto* — 4 s. per half Doz.

*Bristol*, — 6 s. per Doz.

*German Spaw*, 14 s. per Doz.

*Pyrmont*, — 14 s. per Doz.

*N. B.* For the Conveniency of such  
as live near *St. James's*, I constantly  
deliver *Bath* and *Bristol Waters* to  
be Sold by *Mr. Broders*, at his Tea-  
Shop in *Duke-Street*, *St. James's*.

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M. B. For the Convenience of their  
as live near St. James's, I constantly  
delivered said and Billed Wines to  
be sold by Mr. Brothers, at his Tea-  
shop in Duke Street, St. James's.

Wine, at 100 per Doz.  
Port, at 75 per Doz.  
Dish, at 40 per Doz.  
Wine, at 60 per Doz.  
Ginseng, at 14 per Doz.  
Rum, at 14 per Doz.

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